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## INSIDE THIS WEEK:

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# HOSPITALS 'RISING TO CHALLENGE'!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**HEALTH chiefs at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust have praised staff for their efforts in coping with record levels of A&E visits while still performing nearly 10% better than last year.**

Despite the 'busiest start to a year ever' for Southport and Ormskirk hospitals, the trust says it is coping well - helped by the injection of a new £1.25m extension to A&E at the Southport site and a £1m investment in more clinical staff.

Trust chief executive, Silas Nicholls, told the Champion: "This is my first winter at the trust and I'm hugely proud of how staff have risen to the challenge."

Mr Nicholls was responding to criticism by Labour activists that the hospitals had exceeded safe bed occupancy limits.

Liz Savage, West Lancs borough councillor for Ashurst ward and Labour parliamentary candidate for Southport, had stated that during a four-week period from December 3, Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust failed to reach bed occupancy safe level targets for 27 of the 28 days, or 96% of the time. The safe level target is 85%.

That performance, however, is consistent with that of hospitals nationwide, and Mr Silas Nicholls has instead sought to emphasise the hard work of staff and improvements made since a £2.5m investment in A&E and extra staff last year.

Liz Savage said: "Last year we issued warnings about the problems Southport Hospital and patients were enduring.

"Then the stories emerged of patients waiting for hours for treatment in A&E and a consultant there was one of the 68 who felt compelled to write to Theresa May warning that the system was on the verge of collapse. Now, here we are again looking at yet more problems."

"Patients deserve so much better than this. Hospital staff are doing all they can but the trust is hampered by vacancies and struggling under a huge £29m deficit thanks to this Government."

## A&E performance improved despite record number of visits

**Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust chief executive Silas Nicholls.**

Ms Savage acknowledged that the bed shortages were a national issue saying that the difficulties experienced by the NHS are the result of the 2012 Health and Social Care Act implemented by the Conservative and Lib Democrat coalition.

In response, Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust said that it had seen the 'busiest start to a year ever' after seeing record attendances over Christmas and New Year at A&E at both Southport and Ormskirk hospitals.

### Dedication

Twenty extra patients were seen each day compared to 2017, an increase of 16%.

Despite this, the trust says, staff treated, admitted or transferred 89.3% of patients within four hours of arriving in A&E - a near 10% improvement on the previous year.

Patients also waited much less time for transfer into hospital from ambulance, and overall patients now spend two hours less on average in A&E than they did last year.

Mr Nicholls said: "The £1.25m spent improving Southport A&E and more than £1m invested in additional clinical staff has certainly helped improve our performance. But it's the hard work, commitment and dedication of staff to the care and well-being of local people that has made the biggest difference."

# Motorbike yobs hurled rocks at police car

Report by **Henry James**

A GROUP of about 20 teenagers on motorcycles causing a nuisance and driving dangerously around Skelmersdale, attacked a police car with rocks smashing a window.

Officers were called at about 12.50pm on Sunday (January 13) and the incident involving the police car happened on the Pimbo industrial estate. No officers were injured.

As back-up of officers made their way to the area, more teenagers on motorbikes arrived before heading off at speed in different directions. They were pursued through the town by the police, along with the force helicopter, before entering the neighbouring Merseyside area.

Inspector Bernie Coburn of Lancashire Police said: "Many residents and drivers will have seen these hoodlums, who have absolutely no respect or consideration for people who live in Skelmersdale, driving at speed and generally causing a nuisance.

### Pre-arranged

"Our aim was to arrest them and get them off the streets. We followed some of the ringleaders but unfortunately they made off over the border where our colleagues at Merseyside Police took over, supported by the police helicopter.

"We believe this incident was the result of a pre-arranged meet-up on social media by people from Kirkby. If they return to Lancashire we will be looking to arrest them. If you have seen any videos on social media showing these people driving dangerously on our streets, please make contact with us as you could help our investigation."

An Audi A4 linked to those involved, along with a motorcycle believed to have been stolen during a burglary in Southport but used during the incident, have been recovered.

Merseyside Police confirmed reports of around 20 off-road motorbikes being driven in an anti-social manner in both Kirkby and St Helens. Officers are appealing for information about the identity of the riders and where the bikes are being stored.

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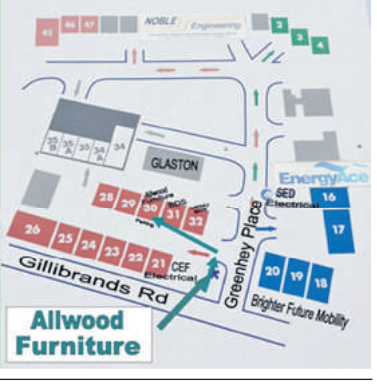

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# Views wanted on proposed changes to taxi licensing

**WEST Lancs Council is seeking the public's views on important proposed changes to the way the authority licences taxis and drivers operating in the area.**

The council licences taxis and drivers throughout the borough to safeguard the travelling public and support the licensed trade.

A key document to achieving these aims is its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and new national safeguarding guidance means that this policy needs updating.

The council wants to hear the views of people who live or work in the borough about the proposed changes and has started a public consultation running until Thursday, March 14.

All comments received will be presented to the council's licensing and appeals committee for consideration.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the authority's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "This is a very important policy for the council and we would welcome the views of anyone living and working in West Lancashire, as well as the licensed trade. The council would particularly like to hear from people who use taxis regularly so that we can ensure our policy meets the needs of local people."

Councillor Kevin Wright.

Important amendments include a new definition relating to drivers, vehicle proprietors and private hire operators which sets out what the council considers to be a 'fit and proper person' in each case.

Proposed changes for licensed drivers also include:

•New requirement to subscribe to the DBS Update Service.

•New requirement to attend safeguarding training.

•Revised standard for minor motoring offences

•Revised processes to check whether applications have been refused or revoked by other councils.

•An enhanced convictions policy which is derived from new national guidelines.

Proposed changes for licensed vehicles are:

•New requirements for vehicle licence holders who do not already hold a driver or Private Hire Operator licence

•Change to the age requirements for Private Hire vehicles subject to a new application

•New long-term emission requirements for licensed vehicles

To read the draft policy and to find out how you can give your views, visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/yourviews and click on consultations underway.

Comments can be made by email to licensing.enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk or by post to West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Service, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE.

Local taxi companies and drivers have been contacted directly to get their views.

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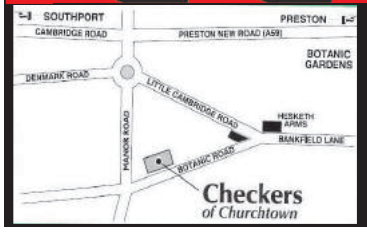


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# Peel Ports chief to head up drive to promote town

Mark Whitworth will be the new chair of Skelmersdale Place Board.

MARK Whitworth, chief executive of Peel Ports and chair of West Lancashire College, has been appointed as new chair of the Skelmersdale Place Board and will lead the Skelmersdale Ambassadors into 2019.

The Place Board is made up of key leaders from business and public sector organisations, who provide a strategic view, approach and leadership for the promotion and development of the town .

Meanwhile bosses at West Lancs Council have welcomed the appointment saying that Mark's expertise and leadership qualities will be "invaluable" in supporting and promoting Skelmersdale and he will work closely with fellow Place Board members and Ambassadors to help raise the profile of the town and borough.

The authority has announced ambitious plans for Skelmersdale with the space to grow its population and business base to ensure the borough is well placed to attract new business opportunities.

Commenting on his new role Mark said: "I am very much looking forward to working with both the Place Board and Ambassadors to help promote Skelmersdale as a great place for business and to help generate further investment to the area.

"Skelmersdale is on the doorstep of a phenomenal catalyst for growth and is well-placed to capitalise on those new opportunities, particularly being in such close proximity to the Port of Liverpool (Liverpool 2).

"I am delighted to be a part of Skelmersdale's exciting future."

### Potential

The timing of Mark's appointment is considered by the council to be "pivotal" to Skelmersdale's growth plans, including the regeneration of the town centre and proposed new rail link and station, which will they believe be the 'growth game changer' to benefit the area and wider Lancashire/North West economy.

Steve Jones, who is stepping down as Place Board chair, said: "I feel honoured to have been chair of the Skelmersdale Place Board during its formative phase and I am confident that Mark will bring the energy and drive that will help Skelmersdale reach its potential.

"I'm delighted to hand over the reins to Mark who in his current role at West Lancashire College shows his passion for the area and sees the potential of the skills and talent that we have here, as well as the potential for expanding and growing our businesses."

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of West Lancashire Borough Council, added: "I wish to congratulate Mark on becoming the new chair of the Skelmersdale Place Board. It is great to see this initiative, originally initiated by the borough council, gathering its own momentum and being driven forward by business leaders."

Mark will start his role as chair by hosting an exclusive event to meet the Skelmersdale Ambassadors who have already committed to join the network on Thursday, February 28.

Local businesses who would like to be a part of this growing movement of 'influential group' of business leaders, who are committed to the area and have the know-how to drive change, are being invited to join. Skelmersdale Ambassadors provides an opportunity for every organisation whatever their size to get involved. For further information visit: www.letstalkskelmersdale.com/ambassadors/.

# Tributes paid to victims of M58 crash horror

## Investigation launched into tragedy that claimed the lives of school staff member and 14-year-old pupil

Report by **Henry James**

**CONCERNS have been raised that roadworks on a stretch of the M58 motorway near Skelmersdale could have played a played part in in a fatl crash that claimed the lives of mother-of-two and a teenager.**

Anne Kerr, 50, from Southport and 14-year-old Joe Cairns, from Radcliffe, Greater Manchester, suffered fatal injuries in the accident involving a number of vehicles including an HGV and a minibus.

The accident occurred at about 8.45am on Tuesday ,January 8 on the westbound carriageway of the motorway close to junction 3.

Mrs Kerr was a member of staff at Pontville School in Ormskirk, which caters for pupils with special educational needs. Joe Cairns was a pupil at the school. Both were travelling in the minibus and died at the scene.

Concerns about the roadworks were expressed by residents, both to the Champion and West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper.

Ms Cooper said: "I am aware from speaking with Lancashire Constabulary and Highways England that investigations are ongoing into the cause of the collision on the M58.

"I have written to both agencies raising residents' concerns over the impact of roadworks locally and await their response. Road safety is paramount to avoid further devastation and fatalities."

Following the accident, Champion reader Paul Mullany claimed a contributory factor could have the "inadequate design and implementation of the road works on the slip road." He said the works had one lane coned off in the rush hour resulting in a major back-up of traffic towards junction 4.

He also said that in his there was inadequate warning signage on the motorway and no mandatory speed reduction in place past the junction.

A spokesperson for Highways England said: "Our thoughts are with everyone affected by the incidents on the M58 on Tuesday, January 8. A police investigation is ongoing so it would not be appropriate for us to comment further at this time."

Following the tragedy, Mrs Kerr's family paid the following tribute to her: "Anne was much loved by all who knew her. She will be deeply missed by all her friends and family.

"She was a daughter, wife, and mum to two lovely boys. She was a lovely personality to be around. Her death has left us all heartbroken."

Joe Cairns' parents, Steph and Andy Cairns, commented: "Joe, my brave boy, a true fighter with a heart of gold. An amazing sense of humour and infectious smile, a true superhero."

### Caring

Pontville School headteacher, Justine Sims, said: "We are deeply shocked to learn of the terrible accident that took place on Tuesday involving a minibus carrying a number of our young people and staff.

"It is with the deepest sadness that we can confirm that one young person and one member of staff on board the minibus have died and the remaining four have been taken to hospital.

"Our thoughts and sympathies are with the families of the deceased at this sad time. Our overriding priority is to provide help and support to classmates, colleagues and families of those involved in the accident as best we can.

"Anne Kerr. Anne was a caring member of staff who went out of her way to support the young people at Pontville.

"We have been inundated with condolence wishes from our families and pupils, including those involved in the incident."

Additional therapeutic staff have been supporting pupils at the school.

Above: Anne Kerr. Inset: 14-year-old Joe Cairns.

The driver of the HGV vehicle, a 31-year-old man from Chorley, was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving. He has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

A number of other people also suffered serious injuries.

The fatal crash was followed by a second collision, at around 10.10am, in the queuing traffic and involved an HGV, a van and two cars.

As a result, a woman and two men suffered serious injuries and were treated at Aintree Hospital.

Sergeant Steve Wignall of Lancashire Police said: "Our thoughts remain with the families of everyone affected by these tragic incidents. We have specially trained officers supporting them at this very sad and difficult time.

"We need anyone who saw either of the collisions but hasn't spoken to us already, to come forward. You may have vital information to assist our investigation."

Anyone with information about either crash can call 101 quoting log number 275 of Tuesday, January 8.

Chris Mullen presents the cheque for £2,750 to Carl and Mim Eaton.

# Cheers! Pub fair raises £2,750 for Skem Men-Aces

THE Skem Men-Aces have been boosted by a donation of £2,750 - courtesy of Chris Mullen, manager of the Plough and Harrow pub in Up Holland.

The money was raised at a Christmas fair staged at the Ormskirk Road venue and despite some inclement weather on the day, it proved a bumper success.

Carl and Mim Eaton from the Men-Aces said: "We were honoured to have our very first Christmas Fair. Chris pulled out all stops and gave us the entire car park.

"He also cooked some totally scrumptious Christmas food and also served up hot mulled wine and cider.

"Even a deluge of rain couldn't dampen the spirits and the Men-Aces choir added a personal touch. All in all it was such a happy experience which brought the community together.

"Chris worked hard along with his family and supporters to stage the event and we want to say a massive thank-you to him."

The money will go towards much-needed tracksuits for the Men-Aces and also to fund any players chosen to represent Team GB in the Euros in Geneva in June.

Meanwhile Chris has invited the Men-Aces to hold a summer fair at the pub and it is planned to feature music to suit all tastes, a BBQ and summer games.

Carl and Mim added: "If anyone can help us out with any tombola prizes - unwanted Christmas gifts, duplicate toys etc. -we would be extremely grateful. We are also looking for someone to loan us a large candy floss machine for the day. If you can help in any way contact us on 07506458716."

# Labour call for details of public consultation on county council's budget proposals

County Councillor John Fillis.

Report by **Henry James**

## ...but authority leader dismisses claims as "nonsense"

**THE Labour group on Lancashire County Council have criticised the Conservative administration for a lack of details on when there is going to be public consultation on a number of what they described as "controversial" budget proposals.**

They say that there were "clear public statements" that the budget proposals would go out for full public consultation by the council leader, Councillor Geoff Driver.

Proposals being talked about were involved in reports titled Appendix C, Service Challenge Savings, which includes cuts to waste recycling centres, public transport for schools, street lighting, special education needs transport, older people services, welfare rights, health improvement, Lancashire Wellbeing, disabled home improvements and traveller sites.

Labour claimed that these were all part of £77m in cuts being proposed to mostly "vulnerable" people's services in communities right across Lancashire.

And the Labour group have raised their concerns with the council's chief executive, Angie Ridgwell. They want to know why no dates have been set for the consultation; why there is nothing on the website regarding a public consultation, and why there is no media release outlining a public consultation.

Angie Ridgwell replied: "Those proposals included in Appendix C are such that the form of the consultation must be fully considered on a case-by-case basis with the scope, nature, content and length of each separate consultation being carefully planned by specialists with skill and experience in conducting consultation of this nature. Clearly this will take some time and in any event, these are not all due to be launched immediately.

"I fully appreciate that failing to carry out a consultation exercise properly vastly increases the possibility of a successful challenge and there is nothing to be gained by seeking to find short cuts or to consult on a half-hearted basis."

The Labour group has also said that no public consultation is promised regarding the tax to be imposed right across Lancashire through town centre parking charges.

Labour deputy leader, County Councillor John Fillis, said: "It's an absolute disgrace that the Conservatives will make these cuts before the public has been consulted. With Lancashire County Council Budget Meeting set for February 14, there is not enough time for a meaningful consultation with the public. It's clear that the decision will be taken to cut services first by the Conservatives followed by a patronising public consultation.

### Concerns

"The Conservatives promised public consultation - even the front of the budget document says consultation required. They should be listening to local people before they decide, not after.

"These decisions will hit the most vulnerable the hardest - elderly, disabled and children. Unfortunately this is typical. They closed down the cabinet meetings, reduced councillors' ability to raise concerns at full council and they are now turning public consultation into an afterthought.

"What we need is open and honest government, which is sadly lacking, nationally and locally."

However, council leader, County Councillor Geoff Driver responded: "This statement is nonsense and County Councillor Fillis knows that it's nonsense.

"We are currently consulting widely and thoroughly, including on those matters which we are not required to in law, and we will consider all views before finalising our budget.

"Labour demonstrate yet again that they simply do not understand the budget process which is one of the reasons why the previous Labour administration, of which Councillor Fillis was a part of course, left us with a deficit of £200m when we took control of Lancashire County Council in May 2017."

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# Boxing club open day is a knockout success!

## Emotions run high as community facility is re-launched 18 months after arson attack

Report by **Henry James**

**ONE of the driving forces behind a fundraising campaign to reopen a Skelmersdale boxing club targeted by arsonists was overwhelmed by the public response to its re-launch.**

Colin Day said he was "choked up" before giving a speech at the open day to mark the reopening of Birch Green ABC on Saturday (January 12).

The future looked for grim for the club in Hevershamfollowing the arson attack in July 2017.

Just prior to the incident members and supporters had raised more than £20,000 with the help of grants and various events to pay for a new roof, shower facilities, two boxing rings and equipment including bags and gloves.

But Colin, who ran the facility for all ages with son Colin junior, showed his own fighting to spirit to bounce back from the bodyblow and a combination of an insurance pay-out and further fundraising efforts saw the club undergo a six-figure rebuild culminating in Saturday's open day.

**Packed**

Colin said: "It was good to open our doors to the community again but when I got up to say a few words I got quite emotional. This has been a long time coming.

"We had a really good turnout for the event. It was packed and there was a constant stream of people throughout the two hours, both young and old.

"Many of those that came congratulated us on the reopening having read about it in the Champion.

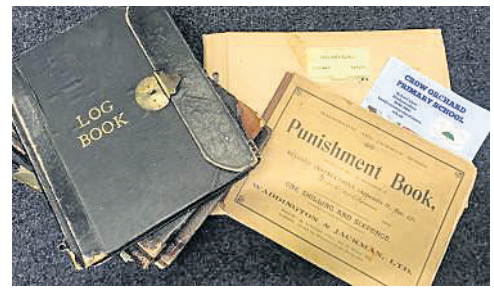
"We put out 50 registration forms to fill in which had the history of the club and our rules and regulations and they were all taken.

"We start training this week."

Opening times for the boxing training are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 7pm. The classes are for all ages and the aim is to split the groups according to ability. Sessions cost £2 for juniors (aged nine to 16) and £4 for seniors (aged 17 and upwards).

**● Right: Teresa O'Brien, wife of Birch Green ABC founder, Joe, cuts the ribbon to officially open the new ring.**

**● We're back... Colin Day celebrates the re-launch of Birch Green ABC with special guest, Teresa O'Brien, and some of his fellow coaches.**




**Some of the items from Crow Orchard Primary School archives which will be on display at Skelmersdale library on Saturday.**

## *School memorabilia on display at library*

*MEMBERS of the public are invited to take a trip down memory lane when the archives of Crow Orchard Primary School, formerly the 'Endowed School' will be on display at Skelmersdale library in Southway on Saturday, January 19 from 10am to 2pm.*

*The school building on School Lane is believed to be the oldest in Skelmersdale and has been a site for the education of children of all ages at different periods in its history dating back to 1732.*

*The present school choir also be in attendance on the day, singing and sharing their experiences of the school today, while The Friends of Skelmersdale Library group will provide refreshments.*

*A spokesperson for the library said: "Come and join us for a hot drink and a walk down memory lane. We will have a large collection of the school's logbooks, photographs and an old 'punishment book' on display."*

## Canal talk will kick off U3A group's programme for 2019

IT will be a case of new year, new start for members of the Skelmersdale University of the Third Age (U3A) group when they begin 2019 with a new committee and new chair, David Cheetham.

First meeting of the year will be held on Thursday (January 17) at the Ecumenical Centre in Northway (opposite the Concourse) when Peter Keen will talk about the history and restoration projects on the Sankey Canal.

This starts at 2.15pm, entrance fee is £1 and all are welcome.

Committee member, Debbie Reardon, said: "This will be the first meeting of the new committee with David Cheetham as chair, and we wish him success. "Thanks also to retiring chair, Don Evans, for all his hard work over the years. He will be missed but will still be involved with the 'Singing for Fun' group."

For more information about the group call the secretary on 01695 729998, or log on to www.u3asites.org.uk/skelmersdale facebook.

## Still time to visit stunning 27-foot sculpture made out of weapons handed in during knife amnesties

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THERE'S still time to visit a stunning sculpture created out of knives handed in during a national amnesty which is on display in Liverpool until the end of this month.

More than 300 knives handed in to police stations across Lancashire - including Skelmersdale - and donated to the national blade collection were used to create the Knife Angel.

The 27-foot creation is made up of more than 100,000 weapons confiscated from 43 police forces across the country, including Lancashire Constabulary, in the Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife amnesties held in 2015 and 2016.

It took more than a year for artist Alfie Bradley to build the sculpture after permission was granted by the Home Office to collect the weapons.

The sculpture features knives donated by police forces which were used in violent crimes all over England and Wales, 80 of which have the names of the victims engraved onto the blades.

The remainder were collected following the national amnesty during which people could anonymously surrender their knives.

In total, 340 knives were handed in across Skelmersdale, Preston, Chorley and South Ribble between August 24, 2016 and October 6, 2016.

The artist disinfected and blunted each blade to create the huge sculpture and its wings were created by fanning blades out for a feather-like appearance.

It was created as a national monument against violence and aggression and aims to show the impact knife crime has on people's lives.

The sculpture was orignially unveiled at the British Ironwork Centre in Oswestry two years ago, where it was created, before starting a national tour at the end of November at Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral.

After being based in Merseyside over Christmas and New Year, as well as this month, the sculpture will move to Hull on January 31.

**The Knife Angel on display outside Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral.**

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# Cable company agrees to re-lay pavement after residents voice safety concerns

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**ROSIE Cooper says she has secured assurances from Virgin Media and Lancashire County Council that paving laid down during cabling work in a residential area will be replaced following complaints about poor workmanship and possible safety concerns.**

Residents claimed that after cable-laying in Claremont Drive, Aughton, contractors had re-paved the footpath but failed to wash away excess cement which then dried causing possible tripping hazards, particularly for older people.

Virgin Media told the MP that the contractors had attempted to remove the thin layer of slurry from the surface of the flags a number of times without success and so have accepted liability and that the paving flags need to be replaced.

Ms Cooper said: "The Virgin Media cabling works have been causing various problems across Ormskirk for some time and this is just another example of the issues residents have had to put up with.

"When the residents reported the issue to Lancashire County Council initially, inspections were carried out suggesting there was only one failure and that it was immediately rectified.

**A section of the pavement damaged by contractors working for Virgin Media.**

"However, residents again reported 'cementing over the pavement' and upon further inspection the council agreed that there was an issue and the identified defects were passed to Virgin Media for them to deal with.

### Guidelines

"They have now confirmed that their contractors have accepted liability and work will be carried out to rectify the situation, and LCC will check the workmanship and footway condition once they have finished."

Virgin Media confirmed that it was carrying out works to repair the pavement as instructed by Lancashire County Council but added that it works hard to quickly carry out any necessary repairs to paths and roads following network expansion and abides by the guidelines set by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991.

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council said: "Virgin Media are due to carry out some remedial works around the end of January. After they've finished we will inspect the repairs to make sure they meet the required standard."

**Author Adrian Gregson.**

## *Author to give talk on his book about First World War recruits*

THE author of a book on First World War recruits from the Southport and Bootle areas will give an illustrated talk at Ormskirk Library on Thursday, January 31

Adrian Gregson, who is originally from Southport but now lives in Worcester, will also be signing copies of the book, *From Docks And Sand,* which is about soldiers of the 7th Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment in 1914 being recruited from the resort and the docklands.

It tells the story of the regiment's engagements in France in 1915, when they fought at Festubert, through the Somme and Passchendaele and then taking part in the German Spring Offensive of 1918.

The lives and communities left behind in Southport and Bootle, including the riots that followed the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915, are also featured.

Adrian says the book - his second, following *Worcestershire's War: Voices of the First World War* - was inspired by his great uncle, a soldier in the First World War, and based on conversations with his grandmother about her brother who was killed at Givenchy in the battle of the Lys in 1918.

The event, which starts at 7pm, is free to attend but tickets must be booked in advance. For more information phone 0300 123 6703; call in at the library in Burscough Street; or go to Ormskirk.Library@lancashire.gov.uk.

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# Search for owner of abandoned quad bike

**POLICE are looking to trace the owner of this small quad bike (pictured right) found by officers abandoned in Firbeck at about 5pm on Friday, January 11.**

**Anyone with any information relating to this bike is asked to contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101 or call into Skelmersdale police station.**

**Full proof of purchase and identification will have to be provided by the owner.**

# Sophie strikes gold on Lancashire Reading Trail

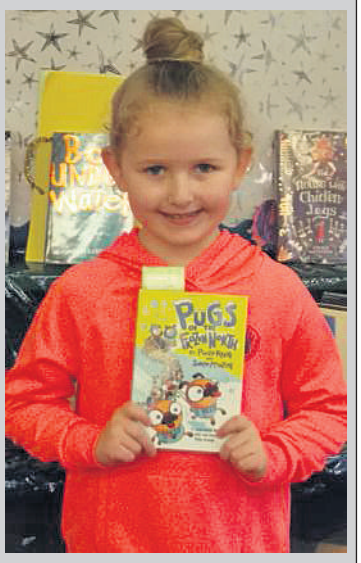
AN avid young reader from Skelmersdale has struck gold on the Lancashire Reading Trail.

Six-year-old Sophie Kilshaw, a pupil at Cobb Brow Primary School, Manfield, Ashurst, was presented with a book of her choice and a gold certificate, after reading 50 books.

The youngster, who is a regular visitor and contributor to the Saturday Club at Skelmersdale Libary in Southway, also reviewed the books, rated titles and shared her recommendations with other reading trail readers.

The Lancashire Reading Trail is a county-wide reading challenge that encourages children up to the age of 12 to read more.

For further details about the reading trail and how to get involved, go to www.lancashire.gov.uk or pop in to your local library.



Sophie with her book prize for successfully completing the Lancashire Reading Trail challenge.

# Harriers looking to enlist more running recruits

Report by **Henry James**

The Skelmersdale Boundary Harriers running group

**OFFICIALS of a local sporting group are seeking to recruit new members.**

Skelmersdale Boundary Harriers currently have around 60 to 70 registered members and hold a weekly social run every Thursday evening meeting at 6.45pm at the West Lancs College campus in the town.

Runners are split into two groups, the Bandits and the Rebels.

The Bandits' run is usually between six and eight miles, while the Rebels' course is between five and six miles at a slower, more casual pace

Sessions last between 60 and 80 minutes and runners of all abilities are welcome.

During sessions the groups also do a mixture of training styles including timed efforts and hill runs, as well as slower-paced runs with fewer rest stops in between.

Training in the winter months tends to be focused on road running (high-vis vests and head torches needed), while spring and summer training often takes place on the trails and paths around Ashurst Beacon, Beacon Country Park and Dalton.

Luke Willis from the Harriers said: "With many people starting their January fitness regimes this could be a good time to pull in new members from Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and surrounding areas.

"We always ensure no-one is left behind and we pride ourselves as being a very friendly and supportive running club."

Two friends, Dave Goulding and Terry Jopson, who wanted to get fit and enjoyed running around Skelmersdale and Ormskirk, formed the original group, called Skelmersdale Striders and Jogging Club, in January 1983.

Then members would run from Glenburn High School every Sunday at 2pm. At the time the club colours were white with a blue horizontal stripe.

The club received permission from Skelmersdale District Council to use the 'beacon over the valley' image and a hardy group of 13 people turned up to the first meeting run in gale-force winds, hailstones and thunder!

### Achievements

The Skelmersdale Striders and Joggers and Liverpool Boundary Harriers amalgamated in April, 1983 and the club was then called the Skelmersdale Boundary Harriers.

New club colours were amber and black hoops on both sides and again used the 'beacon above the valley' logo.

A spokesman for Skelmersdale Boundary Harriers commented: "Nowadays, Skelmersdale Boundary Harriers continues to grow and has many achievements under its belt.

"The Parbold Hill Race continues to attract many runners from across the North West each year, while the Beacon Park Cross Country Race is proudly regarded as one of the hardest on the calendar."

The first two runs with the club are free and are regarded as 'taster' sessions for people interested in joining them.

Anyone with any questions about the club is welcome to email jane.woodburn@icloud.com or join the Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/skemboundaryharriers.

More information can also be found on the website: www.skelmersdaleboundaryharriers.com.

The Woodland Community Primary School team celebrate their success.

# Primary school athletes on track for county Games Finals

**SPORTY youngsters at a Skelmersdale primary school are celebrating success in the District Indoor Athletics competition organised by West Lancs Sports Partnership.**

**The team from Woodland Community Primary, Heathgate, Birch Green will now go on to represent the borough in the Lancashire School Games Finals.**

**A spokesperson for the school said: "The standard of performance and sportsmanship on display was outstanding. Congratulations to all who took part and thanks also to West Lancs Sports Partnership."**

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# Don't miss the vote!

## Residents reminded to check their details are present and correct on Register of Electors

OFFICIALS at West Lancs Council are once again urging residents in the borough to make sure they don't lose the right to vote by checking their details are correct on the 2019 Register of Electors.

The revised version of the register is available for inspection, under supervision, during normal office hours at the council offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk (Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm, Friday 9am to 4.45pm).

A copy of the full register can also be viewed under supervised inspection at Ormskirk Library in Burscough Street.

People can also check their details by calling 01695 585014.

Council elections are scheduled to take place in 18 of the borough's 25 wards on Thursday, May 2. People who are not on the Register of Electors will not be able to vote in these elections or any other elections that may be held throughout the year.

Electoral Registration Officer, Kim Webber.

And the authority has warned that not being on the register could also affect your credit score.

West Lancs Electoral Registration Officer, Kim Webber, said: "You need to be on the electoral roll to have your say in the upcoming borough council elections, and incorrect details may result in residents not being able to vote – so it really is worth taking the time to check."

For more information about the Register of Electors; requesting a postal or proxy vote application; or changing your details on the register if they are incorrect, contact Electoral Services on 01695 585014 or email elections.office@westlancs.gov.uk.

To find out more about registering to vote visit website www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

# *En garde for beginners' fencing course*

IF you've ever fancied trying your hand at fencing but didn't know how, now's your chance.

The West Lancashire Fencing Club, based at Edge Hill University, is launching courses for beginners this year for anybody interested in taking up an Olympic sport that has been recognised as an effective form of exercise and offers the opportunity to learn a new skill.

Two five-week courses, starting on January 30 and March 13 respectively, will be held during the club's weekly Wednesday meetings at the university from 8 to 10pm.

The sessions will be open to anyone over the age of 12 years and will be run by a British Fencing Association qualified coach covering blade techniques, the rules of the sport and, most importantly, how to fence safely.

Further information can be obtained from club secretary, Stephen Hodges, who can be contacted by email at Stephen.Hodges@westlancsfencing.co.uk

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# Hospice volunteers to support end-of-life hospital patients

**A NEW volunteering service has been launched to provide support for hospital patients when they need it the most, in the final days of their lives.**

The outreach service is being provided by Queenscourt Hospice, to provide comfort and companionship for patients at Southport Hospital who are in the last hours- to-days of their life and whose families are absent or need support whilst they take a short break.

The hospice at Town Lane, Kew, near to the Sefton-West Lancs boundary, provides free, high-quality care for the people of Southport, Formby and West Lancashire. It has recruited and trained a new team of volunteers to deliver the service providing support to patients who have little or no family support available, or whose family live away, and also provide comfort to families unable to keep vigil at a loved one's bedside.

All the volunteers have previous experience of working in the healthcare arena or caring for a relative at the end of life. They will visit patients for up to two hours at a time and will provide an empathetic presence, gentle conversation or a simple touch massage, all in accordance with the wishes of patients and their families.

Patients who are eligible to benefit from the service will be identified by Queenscourt Hospice's Transform team or the Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Nurse (HPCNS). The Transform team provides education and support for clinical staff caring for people in the final months and days of life, supports patients and their families with advance care planning discussions and provides emotional support for families of those thought likely to be dying where there may be no special palliative care needs identified.

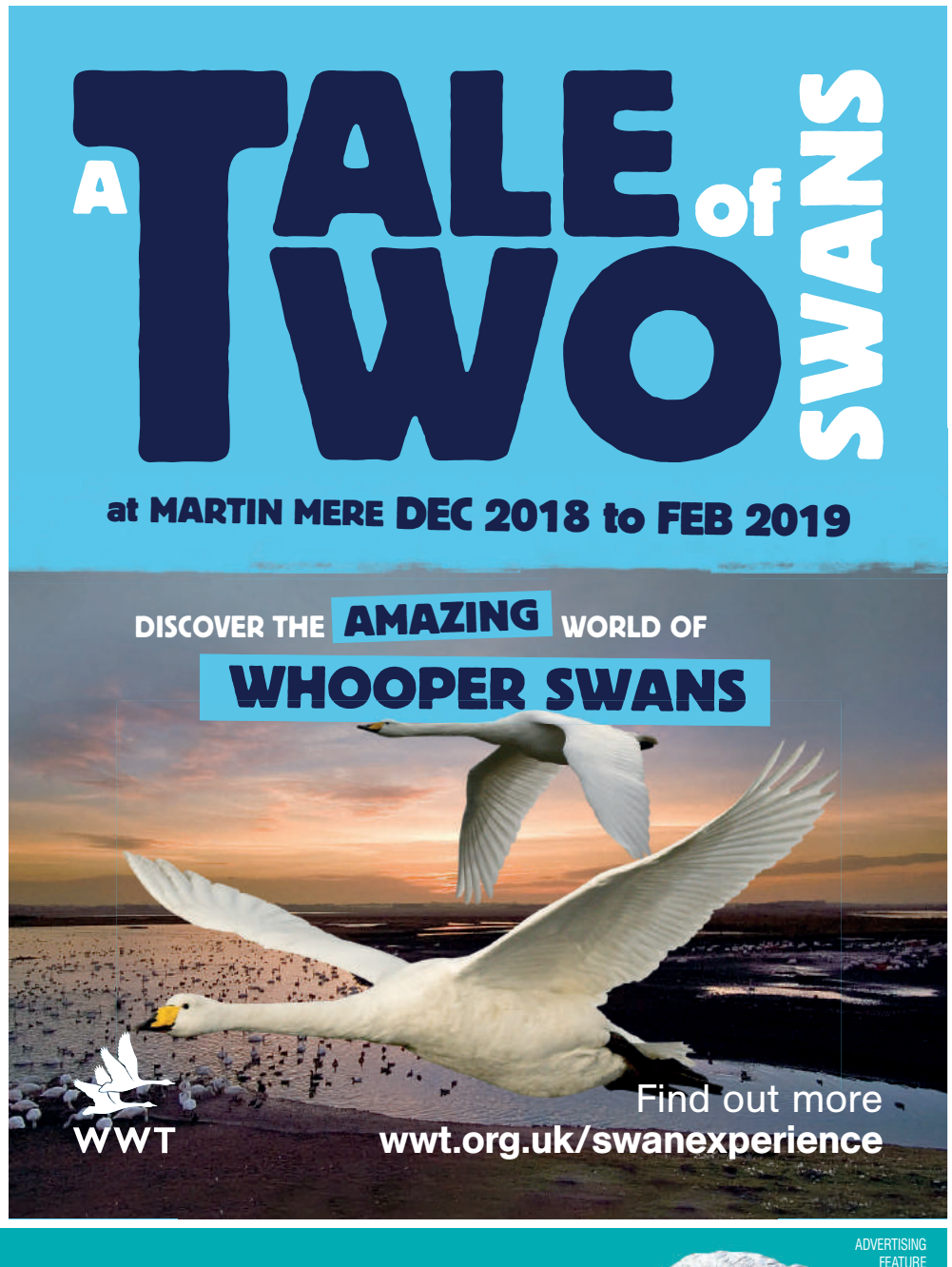
The new hospital volunteer outreach service is part of the hospice's 'Queenscourt Outside' programme, which is designed to support patients outside of the facility who are facing the end of life. Like all services delivered by the charity, the new volunteer scheme will be provided free of charge to those who need it.

Queenscourt Hospice volunteers.

Every year, Queenscourt supports hundreds of patients with life-limiting illnesses, whether in the hospice, hospital, community or care homes. In all, it costs more than £400 an hour, 365 days a year to keep the hospice running and the charity relies heavily on community support and donations.

Helen Birch, Queenscourt's director of nursing services, said: "Our new volunteer service is designed to help ensure that patients at Southport Hospital who are reaching the end of their lives have an empathetic presence and companion by their side in their time of need.

"For families who are unable to visit loved ones regularly, we hope the service will also provide some comfort and peace of mind. We are enormously grateful to our team of dedicated volunteers who are giving their time to help support patients and uphold our core values of compassion, care, dignity and respect."

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# Spectacular swan events at Martin Mere

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To celebrate these amazing swans, we're running a number of swan-themed activities at the centre. A new event for this year is our Swans Awake mornings which are being held on Saturdays in January. Get the unique experience of arriving on site before the sun has even risen and the birds on the mere are just beginning to wake. You'll be taken to a hide by one of our wardens who'll be on hand throughout the experience to talk all about the variety of species wintering on the mere.

As the sun begins to rise, you'll hear the unforgettable noise of the whooper swans and pink footed geese rise up all around the mere, as the waters become alive with the movement of the wildlife. The experience culminates in an early morning feed for the wildlife and a delicious full English breakfast for you! If early mornings aren't for you, try one of our Floodlit Swan events instead. Held on Tuesday evenings in January, you can witness the stunning sight of the wildlife coming in to roost for the evening, all lit up by our floodlights. Visit the What's On page on our website to book your tickets today.

As well as these bookable events, we have a number of free activities throughout the centre. In our Exhibition Hall we have our swan pipe experience which is a brilliant opportunity to put yourself in the place of a swan during a catch. You'll be able to go through a replica swan pipe, try on a swan jacket that we use to catch swans and learn how we take measurements including the wingspan of swans.

For younger ones curious about nature we have our Swan Discovery Trail - explore our grounds to find the answers to questions such as how fast do swans fly and how far do they travel. The discovery tail is a great way to spend some time exploring as a family and learning as you go.

So wrap up warm this winter and come and enjoy the great outdoors at Martin Mere. You can find out more about all our events throughout the winter months at wwt.org.uk/martinmere.

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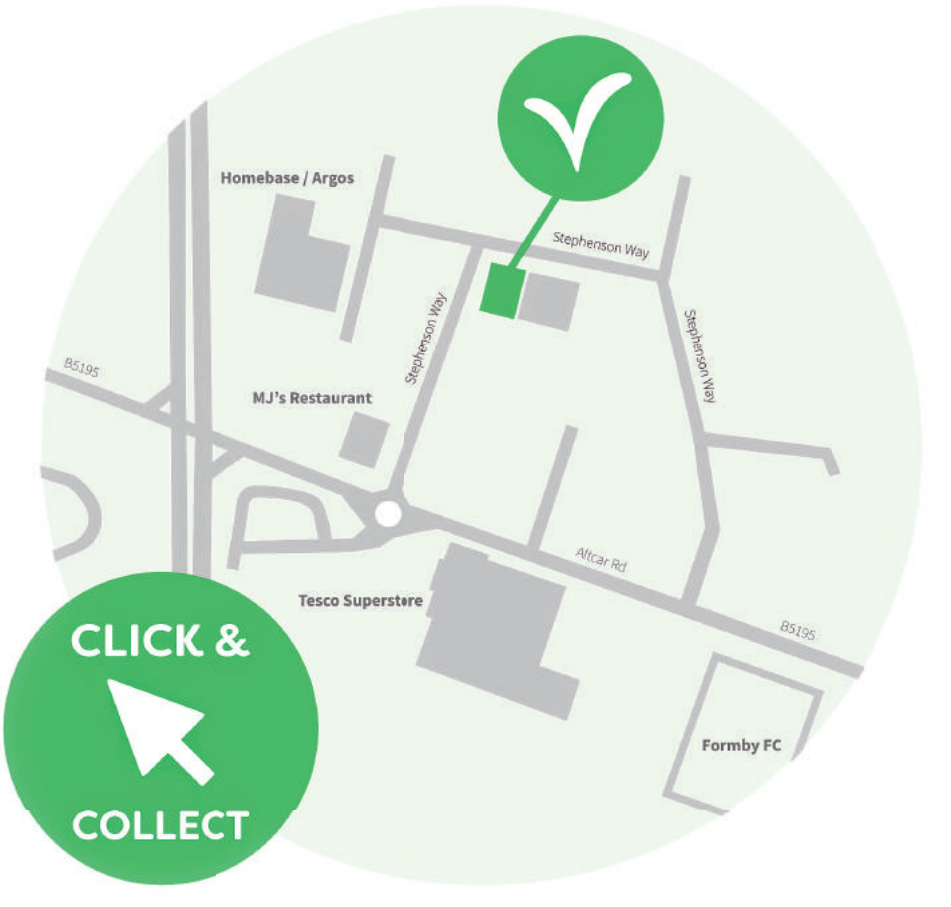


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# Expert advice on offer at hospital's 'Menopause Cafe'

## Consultant will lead team providing information about treatment options and coping strategies at drop-in event

**HEALTH service menopause experts are offering women in West Lancs the chance to drop in for a free advice session at Ormskirk Hospital on Saturday, January 26.**

Led by Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust consultant, Dr Paula Briggs, the team will provide up-to-date information about treatment options and alternative strategies for coping.

Alongside Dr Briggs will be a specialist nurse and physiotherapist, mindfulness expert/yoga teacher, Pilates teacher and 'expert patients'.

Small group discussions will be possible following a series of brief presentations.

A recently-published booklet, written by Dr Briggs, will be given to all those who attend. The booklet pulls together the latest advice for women experiencing the menopause.

Dr Briggs explains: "We know that the menopause can be a difficult time of life for women and their families. Our recent research suggested that women are experiencing a serious impact up to 20 days each month.

**Southport and Ormskirk hospitals consultant Dr Paula Briggs who will head up the Menopause Cafe drop-in at Ormskirk Hosptial**

"A worrying 50 per cent said they tended to spend more time alone and over 80 per cent were avoiding sex. This has a serious impact on relationships with 75 per cent admitting it has caused problems.

"Help is available but many women wait years before seeking it out. At Southport Hospital we have a menopause clinic, which women can attend with a GP referral and we want to raise awareness of the service.

"We hope that this cafe will help to provide women with the right information. Once they feel empowered, they can make good choices to ensure that they enjoy the best of health at this stage in life."

The Menopause Cafe drop-in will run from 10.30am to noon in the Ruffwood suite at Ormskirk Hospital. This is situated towards the rear of the hospital in the Education Centre.

Refreshments - teas, coffee, fruit and cake - will be provided.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to email soh-tr.communications@nhs.net beforehand if possible.

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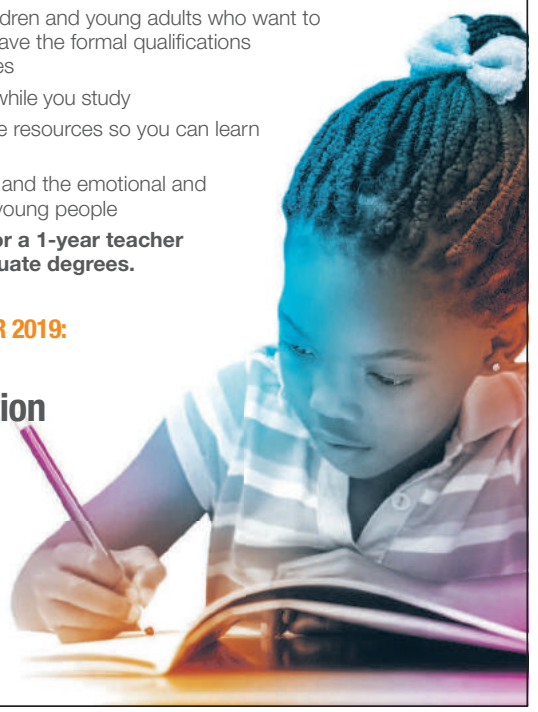

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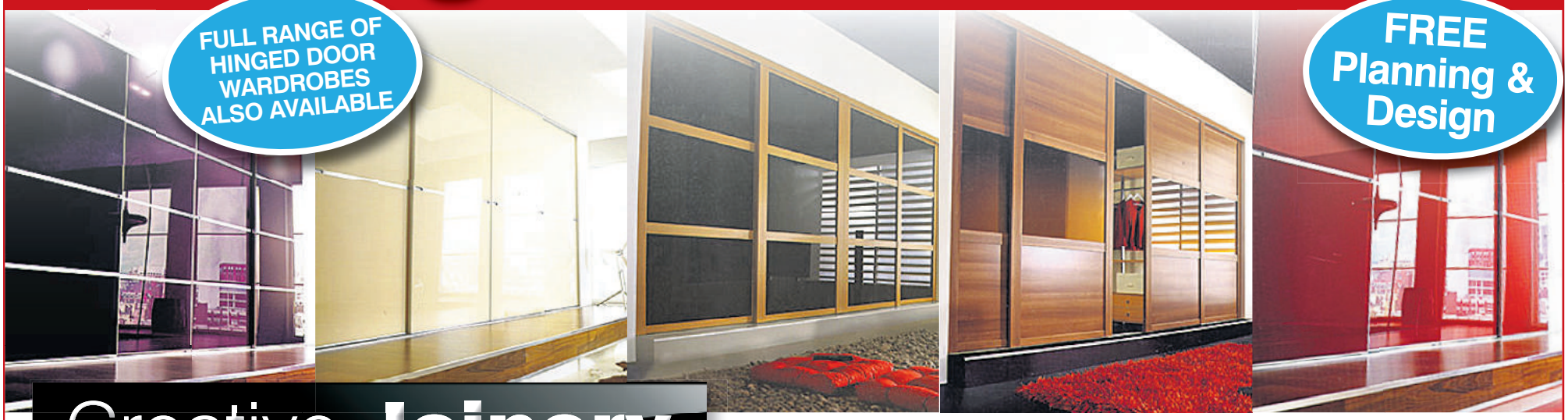


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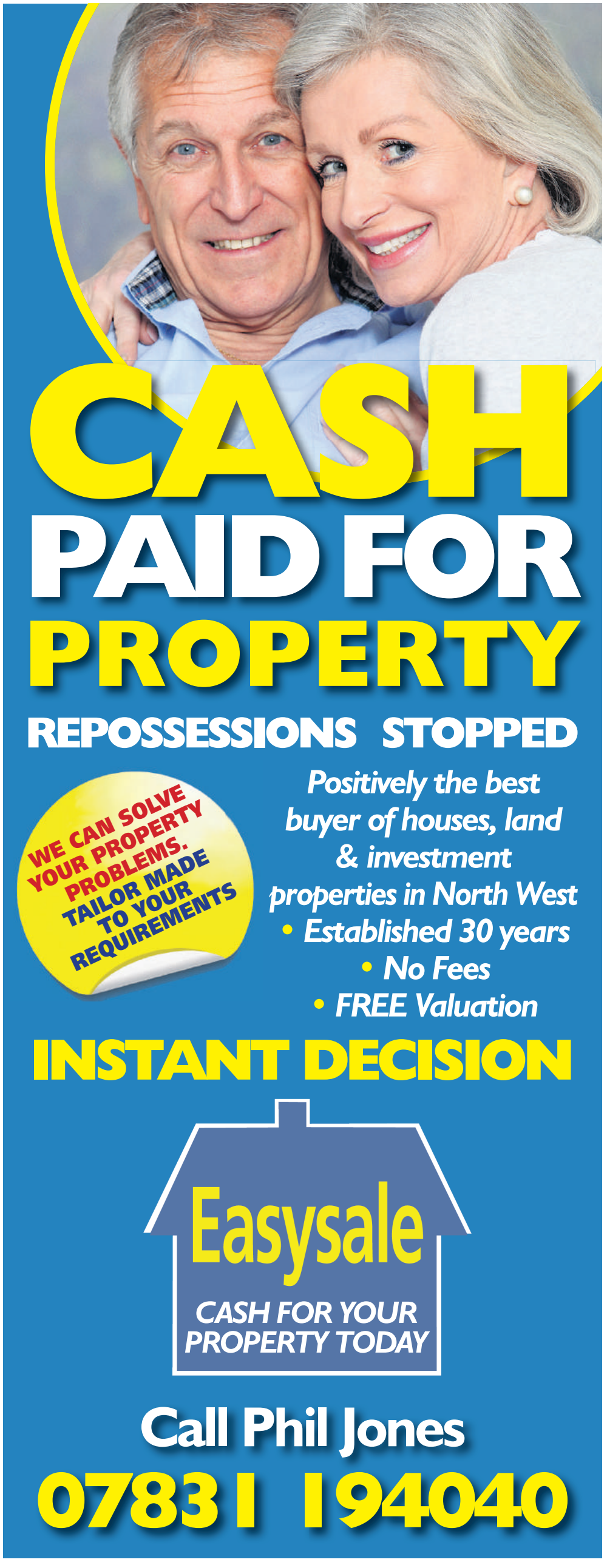


# Council refutes flood campaigner's broken promises claim

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**WEST Lancs Council has refuted claims that it broke promises to provide new or improved wastewater treatment works in Burscough as part of the 2012 Local Plan consultation.**

Gavin Rattray, secretary of the Burscough Flooding Group said: "New Lane wastewater treatment works was the only significant infrastructure project promised for our village during the 2012 Local Plan consultation and was significant as it could have reduced the current sewer flooding problems and prevented them increasing further due to the massive amount of housing being built here.

"Perversely, West Lancs Council cited Burscough's flooding problems as a positive for development in the 2012 Local Plan and some councillors promoted the Yew Tree Farm site claiming it would trigger funding to fix the flooding problems."

Mr Rattray also claimed that during the 2012 Local Plan examination in public, United Utilities presented a clear message to the planning inspector that they would get funding in 2015 to enlarge or replace the treatment works. However, he says, it failed to do so and in 2018 said its original calculations were wrong and the treatment works had no capacity issues. "Unfortunately for residents, despite United Utilities' calculations, Burscough has continued to suffer from widespread sewer flooding in storms," he added.

In response a spokesperson for West Lancs Council commented: "The council held consultations on what is now the adopted Local Plan in both 2011 and 2012 and the consultation material publicising each of the consultations did not refer to any upgrade of the wastewater treatment works or any wastewater-related infrastructure.

**Previous flooding in Burscough.**

"Secondly, Mr Rattray's statement seeks to make a connection between the function of New Lane wastewater treatment works and instances of sewer flooding in Burscough, when there is no connection. The flooding issues affecting Burscough during storm events are due to the capacity of the local drainage network, not the capacity of the wastewater treatment works.

"At the time of the examination into the now adopted Local Plan, there was concern that the capacity of the New Lane plant to treat additional wastewater might be limited and so any new development in the areas served by it might require an upgrade to the works in order to be able to treat more wastewater.

"United Utilities have since conducted further investigations and identified that the wastewater treatment capacity constraints at New Lane were not as severe as first thought and there is sufficient capacity at the wastewater treatment works for the new development proposed in its catchment area in the adopted Local Plan."

The council also denied saying it was essential to build on Yew Tree Farm to trigger funding to fix the flooding problems in Burscough.

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# MP backs call for reform of Prompt Payment Code

**WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has backed calls by the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) for reform of the Prompt Payment Code to help small and medium-sized businesses.**

The Prompt Payment Code (PPC) sets standards for payment practices and best practice and is administered by the Chartered Institute of Credit Management on behalf of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

The code aims to eliminate unfair payment practices to small businesses. Signatories undertake to pay suppliers on time, give clear guidance in areas including payment procedures, and encourage good practice.

According to YouGov research, 73% of MPs agree with the AAT's recommendations that the code be made compulsory for companies employing more than 250 employees with maximum payment terms halved from 60 to 30 days and be supported by a clear, simple financial penalty regime for persistent late-payers, enforced by the Small Business Commissioner.

Rosie Cooper said: "I am supporting small and medium-sized businesses in West Lancashire by backing the AAT's recommendations for Prompt Payment Code reform.

"Smaller businesses and suppliers rely upon the timely payment of invoices by larger companies, manufacturers and retailers to ensure their continued existence and growth.

"These businesses provide income for their owners to support their families, and to supply jobs in the local economy, and so we must do all we can to help them.

"West Lancashire has many small businesses across many industries including farming, manufacturing, building, marketing and online, and retail. It is these businesses which need to be paid on time."

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper

**'West Lancs has many small businesses which need to be paid on time'**

Phil Hall, AAT's head of public affairs and public policy, added: "Late payments lead to thousands of insolvencies every year, damage productivity, restrict investment and can also impact on the mental health of small business owners and their employees.

"Government action to tackle this problem - from the voluntary payment code to compulsory but feeble reporting requirements, as well as the creation of a Small Business Commissioner with no real power - have all predictably failed to stem the scourge of late payments.

"With almost three-quarters of MPs from across the political divide supporting AAT's recommendations for payment reform, it's very difficult for the Government to continue to drag their heels and back the status quo."


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# At-risk groups urged to take up free flu vaccine offer

## Medical professionals say it's not too late to get immunised against 'unpleasant, highly infectious disease' which can have serious consequences

**HEALTH chiefs across Lancashire are warning about the threat of flu as statistics show fewer at-risk people have been vaccinated against the illness this year.**

Latest figures from Public Health England show hospitals are seeing increasing numbers of people with breathing and chest problems as a result of flu.

However, so far across Lancashire and South Cumbria just 42% of pregnant women and 41.1% of people aged under 65 who are at risk have had their flu vaccination - down on the same time last year.

Health professionals warn that flu is very infectious and easily spread to other people within the first five days of catching the virus. It is different from a cold and can cause severe illness and even lead to death. It can also cause long-term damage to the lungs.

Professor Mark O'Donnell, medical director at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Flu is a very unpleasant, highly infectious disease, which can be very serious especially during pregnancy for both mums-to-be and their babies.

**Professor Mark O'Donnell: "The vaccine is the best defence we have against the spread of flu."**

"The vaccine is the best defence we have against the spread of flu and it isn't too late for people to go to their GP or pharmacist and get vaccinated - especially those in risk groups such as pregnant women; those aged 65 and over; people with long-term medical conditions; and young children (up to three years old). The latter are also known as 'super-spreaders' and if left unimmunised could spread flu to those they come into contact with.

"We often hear from women concerned the vaccine will harm their baby but current evidence shows it is safe during pregnancy and pregnant women should ask their midwife, GP or pharmacist about the flu vaccine."

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Dr Anjila Shah, consultant in health protection at public health England North West, added: "We know that uptake of the flu vaccination is slightly down compared to the same time last year. The vaccine is the best defence we have against the spread of flu and early indications suggest that the flu vaccines are well matched to the strains of flu likely to circulate this year.

"We urge anyone who is eligible to take up the offer of a free flu vaccine and protect themselves. It isn't too late for people to get vaccinated at their GP or local pharmacy - especially pregnant women, those aged 65."

Good levels of uptake of the flu vaccine also helps to reduce serious health consequences and hospitalisation amongst at-risk groups, as well as GP appointments and pressure on A&E departments.

The flu vaccination is available for free on the NHS from your local GP if you fall into one of the at-risk categories.

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# Invitation to sign up for creative challenge

*LANCASHIRE libraries are inviting people to 'tap into their artistic side' by signing up to receive a daily creative challenge.*

*The 64 Million Artists campaign is running for the rest of the month in libraries across the county.*

*Now in its fifth year, the national initiative aims to inspire people to express themselves creatively every day.*

*Participants will get a daily challenge by email, or can follow the programme on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. The 'Do, Think, Share' challenges range from drawing, singing, dancing and writing to exploring, cooking, looking and making.*

*Each task should only take 10 minutes to complete and is designed so that any materials that are needed should be easy to find - for example, pens and paper.*

*County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "January is traditionally a month when people can feel a bit flat, this campaign is a chance to indulge in some creative fun, which is free and easy to take part in. People can have a go in our libraries, or at home, and we hope they will share their creativity with us."*

*Anyone can share what they are doing on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by using the hashtags #64MillionArtists and #TheJanuaryChallenge. They can also set up their own WhatsApp group to take part.*

*More information and the link to sign up to The 64 Million Artists campaign is available at www.64million-artists.com. Or you can call in at your local library to learn more about campaign and events and activities*

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# Champion LETTERS to the Editor

## Labour group have had more than 40 years to support a Skelmersdale town council, so what are they waiting for?

RE: The story headed 'Labour trio say people power is key to possible Skem Town Council' (Champion, December 19) I am pleased to read that 'The Labour Group on Lancashire County Council' will support the creation of a 'Skelmersdale Town Council.'

Reading on to the fifth paragraph we are told 'the idea has been resurrected by the town's three councillors'. Really?

Despite some obstructive behaviour from a small number of Skelmersdale borough councillors, the petition to trigger a 'Community Governance Review' is nearly complete and once its accuracy is checked and we are confident that it is valid, it will be submitted.

Up until now we haven't received any support from a single Skelmersdale borough or county councillor. West Lancs Council could have triggered a 'Community Governance Review' over a cup of tea rather than waiting for a petition.

The Labour Party has had complete control of Skelmersdale for over 40 years, if it was something they really believed in why wait for the 'Skelmersdale New Town Council Group' to become established and continually build support and momentum?

I have a lot of time for Councillor Fillis, but he lives in Ormskirk and doesn't have a vote at the borough council table, so, although we are prepared to listen, I am not sure what support he can offer.

Councillor Gibson has roots and family in Skelmersdale, some of whom may have signed our petition so I am grateful for her support.

Councillor Aldridge may well support us with his county council hat on, but to remind him of exchanges on the Digmoor Parade, they suggest he will not be supporting us with his borough councillor hat on. He is welcome to sign our petition, he knows where we are, and he would be the first borough councillor to do so.

Over the last six months the support we have received has been phenomenal and we are looking forward to continuing our efforts through 2019. Although still under development, please visit our website www.SkemTC.org.uk.

**A. B., Skelmersdale.**

## Perhaps nan's generation had the right idea about 'healthy eating' after all

**THIS is the time of year when a lot of us start thinking about our eating habits and daily diet and this has got me pondering about our ancestors.**

**I'm in my 50s and I quite clearly remember with fondness my grandmother, or nan as we affectionately called her, baking on a weekly basis.**

**She would bake using homegrown seasonal fruit and veg and using suet, full fat milk, cheese, butter etc, along with other foods such as tripe and onions, bread and dripping and, of course, scouse!**

**Our ancestors may not have lived as long but I think we are only living longer due to the advance of medical science.**

**Today's fruit and veg are grown force- fed with chemicals and foods we buy are full of preservatives and additives to increase shelf life.**

**So I ask, do we really know what we are eating today? And did our ancestors actually have it right?**

Ian Hewitt, by email.

## *Tom - a man of many talents*

*YOUR article about Tom Lally (January 9) mentioned his talents as an author and artist, but he was also a musician and composer.*

*I knew him as a cornet player in the now defunct Ormskirk Town Band and I particularly remember a great piece of music he wrote for the band, called Altcar Bob.*

*I can still hum the euphonium part.*

**Chris Taylor, Aughton.**

## Do our local planners have a crystal ball?

**THE world is currently experiencing a period of great political, economic and environmental uncertainty and insecurity.**

**In Britain, nobody can predict what our economic and political situation will be, even in six months' time.**

**The only thing that seems certain is that uncertainty will prevail, at least for the next decade.**

**And yet, whilst national and international politicians, business leaders and commentators scratch their heads about what the immediate future holds, our very own council officers in West Lancs feel such confidence in their ability to forecast long-term economic and social trends, that they are proposing to base their revision of the Local Plan over a timescale until 2050.**

**Perhaps they have a powerful crystal ball in the planning department?**

**Maybe they could give us a tip for this year's Grand National?**

**Unfortunately, history shows us that when councils start to have 'visions' such as that set out in the proposed West Lancs Local Plan, the outcomes are often planning disasters which blight communities' lives for generations.**

**I would have more confidence in the council's ability to be visionary if it showed itself capable of filling in a few more potholes or painting give-way markings on our local roads!**

Keith McDowall, by email


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# Response to appeal for clean-up volunteers was 'unprofessional'

I READ with dismay Councillor Moran's aggressive comments in the article 'OWL in appeal for volunteers to help town-centre clean-up' (Champion, January 9).

Street cleaning is the responsibility of the council and I think most residents would agree that Ormskirk is dirty with litter, dog fouling and other unmentionables.

I agree there should be a more robust approach to prevention, but it is also the council's responsibility to address this.

Cllr. Moran says they are looking to do more, but my questions are why has it taken so long and when are you actually going to take some action? This has been a problem for a long time.

The council has a limited budget, however it is the responsibility of those, who the residents have elected, to ensure they make the right choices about where those scarce resources are deployed. And if the councillor wants to be re-elected he should direct his efforts to that end and not attacking, in the local newspaper, those who he was elected to represent.

Very unprofessional behaviour.

Well done, OWL for taking the initiative.

**Sue L., Ormskirk, by email.**

# Generosity was much appreciated

**SINCERE thanks from the volunteers at Ormskirk Foodbank to everyone who donated food and money in the weeks running up to Christmas.**

**We had a magnificent response to our collection days from the customers of Tesco in Burscough, and donations from many local schools, churches, businesses and other organisations.**

**In addition, we were touched by the kindness of so many people who arrived at New Church House with bags of essentials and seasonal extras.**

**We had a particularly busy December this year with very many individuals and families needing help.**

**The generosity of the local community was much appreciated by all our clients and we thank you on their behalf.**

Foodbank volunteers

# Police should work beyond their 50s like the rest of us

I SEE that the police are sending out a survey which ostensibly is an attempt to acquire more funding - for their pensions!

Did they not get an increase paid by a surcharge on our rates recently?

Should they not consider extending their retirement age beyond the 50s, like the rest of us?

Perhaps that would alleviate their problem.

**Still working 70-year-old, Ormskirk, details supplied.**

## PIC of the week

The robin is the favourite bird of many people in the UK and the 'redbreasts' are welcome visitors to our gardens in the winter when they fly in for a bite to eat at times when food is often hard to come by.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

## What do YOU think?

**● IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line? Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.**

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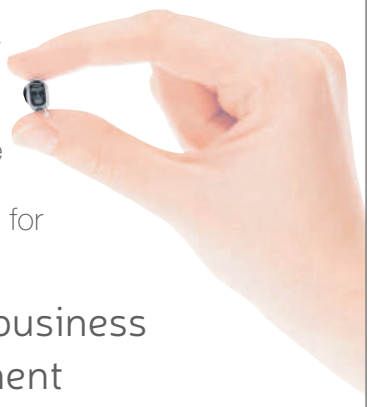

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# Winter Warm Scheme back for a sixth year

## Homeowners could be eligible for free gas heating appliance repair or replacement to help combat cold

**QUALIFYING homeowners in West Lancs could once again be eligible for free repairs or replacements for heating appliances as part of the Winter Warm Scheme.**

The borough council has received funding from Lancashire County Council's Public Health Team to offer the scheme for a sixth successive year.

Under the scheme owner-occupiers in the borough are offered the opportunity to have their gas heating appliances repaired free of charge to help keep them warm and save money on gas bills during the winter.

Gas boilers can also be replaced, subject to certain conditions.

The scheme is available to qualifying owner-occupiers who are in receipt of certain benefits, have a health condition that is affected by the cold and who do not have a plan in place that covers boiler repairs. If the cost of the work will exceed £1,000, the home owner must also be in fuel poverty.

Councillor Kevin Wright.

Funding is limited so residents are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "The West Lancs Winter Warm Scheme could really help people feel warmer in their homes and I would urge owner-occupiers to check if they are eligible to apply."

Tenants cannot apply to the scheme as it is the landlord's responsibility to maintain or replace any heating appliances, including gas boilers.

To find out if you are eligible and apply to the West Lancs Winter Warm Scheme, contact the council's Private Sector Housing Team on 01695 585279 quoting the West Lancs Winter Warm Scheme. More information, including terms and conditions and a full list of eligibility criteria, is also available at www.westlancs.gov.uk/winter-warm.

# Date set for next Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting

THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will hold its next Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 29 from 1.30 to 3pm.

CCG chief officer, Mike Maguire, said: "These meetings are held in public, so anyone can observe them, which further reflects our commitment to be transparent about our plans and decisions."

The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the CCG office at Hilldale on the Ormskirk Hospital in Wigan Road.

The agenda will be made available on the CCG's website (www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/) a week before the meeting.


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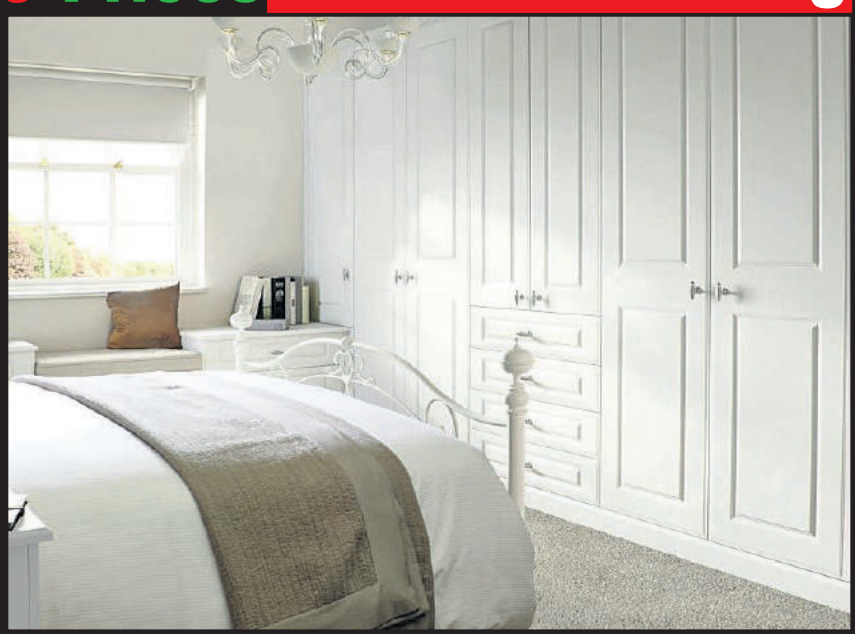

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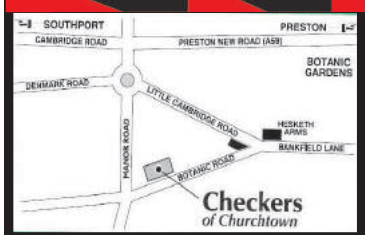


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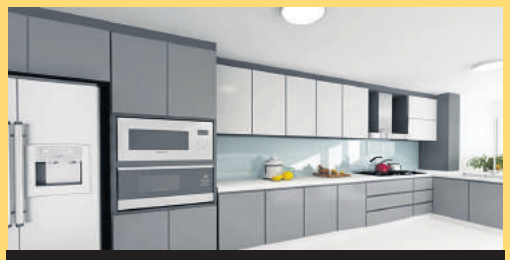

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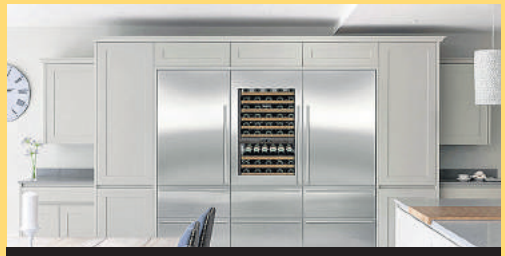

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# *Award-winning author to visit Edge Hill*

*AWARD-winning author Gail Honeyman will visit Edge Hill University on Wednesday, January 30 to discuss her debut novel and Sunday Times best-seller, Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine.*

*Gail will be talking to students, staff and members of the community about the process of writing her novel and will discuss the key themes addressed in her book. She will also answer questions from the audience and be available to sign books and have photos taken afterwards..*

*The event will be held in The Arts Centre starting at 2.30pm and tickets can be booked free online at www.edge-hill.ac.uk/events/2019 but there are a limited number available so book quickly to avoid missing out.*

# Chance to have a say on shoulder surgery policy

**HEALTH chiefs are inviting residents of West Lancashire to take part in a consultation reviewing the policy for commissioning surgery for shoulder pain and disability.**

Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria (HLSC), a partnership of NHS, local authority and public service organisations, says clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) across the area have all agreed that there is a need to review their clinical policies to ensure a consistent approach, update current policies in accordance with national guidelines and best clinical practice and to use limited resources to best effect.

Members of the public are invited to read the revised draft policy on the commissioning of arthroscopic shoulder decompression (surgery) for subacromial pain (a common cause of shoulder pain and disability). They can then provide feedback and comments by completing the relevant survey.

The policy and survey can be accessed by visiting the HLSC website at www.healthierlsc.co.uk.

**Dr Amanda Doyle.**

Dr Amanda Doyle, chief officer for HLSC, said: "Each CCG is responsible for commissioning a wide range of services and for paying for those services, for and on behalf of, the local population. In some areas this also includes GP services.

"We need to ensure this is done in an open, fair and transparent manner but in so doing we must take into account the limited resources we have.

"I would encourage any resident with an interest in these policies to visit the Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria website and have their say."


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# Why is nothing our own fault anymore?

HAVE you spotted the latest piece of silliness to come out of the healthy living industry? Apparently we should no longer blame ourselves if we become obese, far better for it to be considered an illness and nothing to do with eating too much!

Honestly, I think this to be one of the daftest ideas I've heard in a long time. I know that a few folk do have illnesses which make them, not to put too fine a point on it, fat. But the fact remains that for the vast majority of folk, the way to get fat is to eat, or drink alcohol in excess.

I know too that genes play an important part in how susceptible any one person may be to putting on weight as compared to somebody else. But surely, this is rather like saying that smoking is an illness, not something self-inflicted?

We all (or nearly all) accept that smoking is a major cause of lung cancer. The simple answer is to give up the weed. And, OK, you can be offered help in doing this, but as far as I know, nobody is suggesting that smoking, just like over-indulgence in calories, is not your choice in the first place but some kind of natural disaster.

The other similarity is that while some (like me, happily) can eat cream cakes on a fairly regular basis and not put weight on (though there is always the danger of heart disease) there are those lucky folk who can puff away at their cigarettes and live to be centenarians.

But the choice - to smoke or not to smoke or to eat or not eat far too much - is, and always should be, yours. Unfashionable though it might be, I believe that to a major extent it is you, and you alone, who should take responsibility for your actions.

When, more than half-a-lifetime ago now, I indulged too often in drinking alcohol, I ended up for the first time in my life, in hospital. A doctor told me that if I persisted in drinking as much as I did, I would be dead in months rather than years. So I virtually stopped drinking alcohol and live to tell the tale. But the doctor who probably saved my life did not seem to think that my drinking was an illness, but rather that I was my own worst enemy and that I should do something about it. Abstinence from alcoholic liquor had two effects at least - I did not die and I lost my beer belly and, presumably, quite a lot of weight.

Why is it that these days, nothing ever seems to be your own fault any more? If you trip over in the street it must be the council's faulty paving that's to blame. If your shopping bag bursts it must be faulty design certainly not simple over-loading that is the cause. And of course, even if whatever minor disaster happens to you that really is not your fault, it must be someone else's. Your plane/train/boat is delayed? Find out who is to blame and claim compo of course.

There used to be such a thing as 'an act of God'. Nowadays it is unfashionable even to believe in God, and certainly he or she cannot be held responsible for an upset in your travel arrangements.

There are obviously times when the action or inaction of somebody or bodies is the direct cause of a problem and then these culprits should indeed be held to account. But what happened to a simple accident? Things happen. That's life!

And what you do to your own body is entirely up to you. Nobody told me to over-indulge in real ale or gin and tonics. I did this because I enjoyed it and chose to ignore the warnings until it was almost too late. But that was up to me.

And what is at least one of the answers to the question on the supposed 'illness' of obesity? Why, the Government should increase tax on those things which tempt us of course!

So I should pay more for my cream cake treats just to deter someone else from over-consumption; or pay more for chocolates because parents cannot take responsibility for their own children.

I don't want, or need, there to be extra taxes on your bottle of wine or a pint at your local to help me abstain.

# New head of geography appointed at Edge Hill

EDGE Hill has a new head of its department of geography.

Professor Cherith Moses joins the Ormskirk university from Sussex University where she had previously held a number of senior positions and also established and was director of the Centre for Coastal Research.

She said: "My passion lies in geography and geology and Edge Hill provides the opportunity to put my management experience to good use whilst furthering my research in a department with great research synergies and incredible facilities.

"I visited a few years ago and was bowled over by the facilities available on campus, and when I had the opportunity to explore the geosciences building I realised that the laboratory facilities are more extensive and better equipped than many Russell Group universities.

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Currently she is consultant to the European Marine Observation and Data Network project, that is mapping the geology of European seas.


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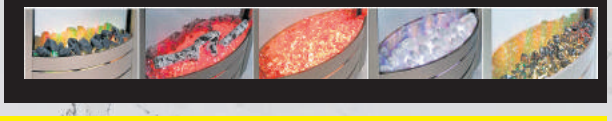

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Any qualifying child or young person up to the age of 25 can be nominated for an award, either individually or as part of a group, for achievements in their own lives or helping others.

Nominations can be made by someone who worked with the nominees up to 12 months ago, the person making the nomination doesn't necessarily have to be working with them currently - but hurry, the closing date is noon on Friday, January 18.

Nominations can be made in five award categories as follows

- **Positive choices and achievements.**
- **Responding to the needs of others.**
- **Outstanding service to the community.**
- **UR talented.**

**County Councillor Susie Charles.**

- **Danny Collins inspiration award.**

Young people are also able to nominate staff and volunteers who have made a difference to their lives in the PROUD+ category of the awards.

Nominations can be made online at www.lancashirechildrenstrust.org.uk/news.

County Councillor Susie Charles, the county council's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Many children and young people face significant difficulties in their lives which they need to try to overcome. These difficulties can often be very challenging for them.

"If you know a child or young person who you think deserves special recognition, this is your chance to reward them by nominating them for an award.

"Whatever the achievement - whether it's caring for someone, helping out in the community, overcoming personal hardship, volunteering, sporting or artistic talent, or showing outstanding spirit - please make sure you tell us about it. No achievement is too small to be considered."

Everyone who is nominated will receive a congratulatory letter and a certificate of recognition.

Any young person who needs help to write their nomination form can speak to a carer or personal advisor, or email PROUDrecognition@lancashire.gov.uk.

## Tasty topic for local history group meeting

**THE next meeting of the Maghull & Lydiate Local History Society will be held on Monday, January 21 at Lydiate Village Centre, Lambshear Lane when Margaret Gibbon will talk about The Ormskirk Gingerbread Ladies. Start time is 7.30pm, all are welcome and light refreshments will be available.**


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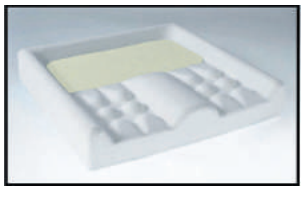

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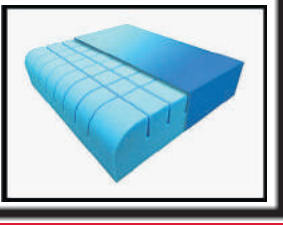

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Some companies bring their December pay day forward so that their employees are paid in advance of Christmas. For some, this can result in two pay cheques being received in the same monthly assessment period, and could reduce, or even completely cancel, their entitlement to Universal Credit.

If this happens to you, you must make a rapid reclaim straight away or risk having to apply for Universal Credit all over again.

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## A year after damning Ofsted report MP tackles minister about funding for special education needs provision

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**ROSIE Cooper has challenged the Department for Education over the funding made available to improve Lancashire Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) provision, a year on from a damning Ofsted report on the service.**

Following an Ofsted inspection in November 2017, the report released in January last year found a host of failings in SEND provision across Lancashire with both the county council and local NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups heavily criticised.

The inspectors found failings including local leaders underestimating how far behind they are in implementing reforms; children's needs not being effectively met; and parents across the county facing a postcode lottery in terms of care quality.

And the quality of the Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans, required for each child and young person to outline their care needs was described as alarmingly poor.

Ms Cooper says she has regularly met with the county council's director of education and children's services since the inspection and has been supporting parents in West Lancashire experiencing issues with the SEND provision and support.

The West Lancs MP quizzed the Minister, Nadhim Zahawi during Education Questions in Parliament asking his assessment of the progress made since Lancashire submitted its action plan earlier this year, and about what funding is being made available to support this work.

She said: "A year on from a damning report on the Special Educational Needs and Disability provision across Lancashire, I am keeping up the pressure to ensure progress is being made on Lancashire's Written Statement of Action and children and parents are receiving better SEND provision and support.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper.

"Many parents tell me that they don't want other parents to have to go through the stress that they and their children have had to endure.

"I asked questions of the Education Minister in Parliament to raise awareness of the issue and ensure that Government is adequately funding the local authorities to enable them to implement the improvements required as soon as possible.

"I was pleased to hear the Minister tell the House that there is new money agreed for high needs funding and will be speaking to Lancashire County Council and the Department for Education to see how much of this will come to Lancashire and how Lancashire can use it to improve its service."

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "The report by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) following the inspection in 2017 highlighted a number of significant areas of weakness, which was a concern to everyone involved. We've already made substantial changes in response to these concerns, including the formation of the Lancashire SEND Partnership. This brings together all the agencies that provide SEND services for children, young people, their parents and carers to deliver the best outcomes.

"Work took place throughout 2018 to deliver an action plan addressing the recommendations that Ofsted and the CQC made in the report to improve key areas of the service. The Department for Education (DfE) and NHS England hold regular meetings with us to monitor the progress that we are making.

"We are determined to build on these improvements. To help us to do this the Lancashire SEND Partnership has recently published a vision and strategy for 2019 to 2021, we've continued to make changes to improve important areas of the service and we've engaged with parents, carers and young people across Lancashire.

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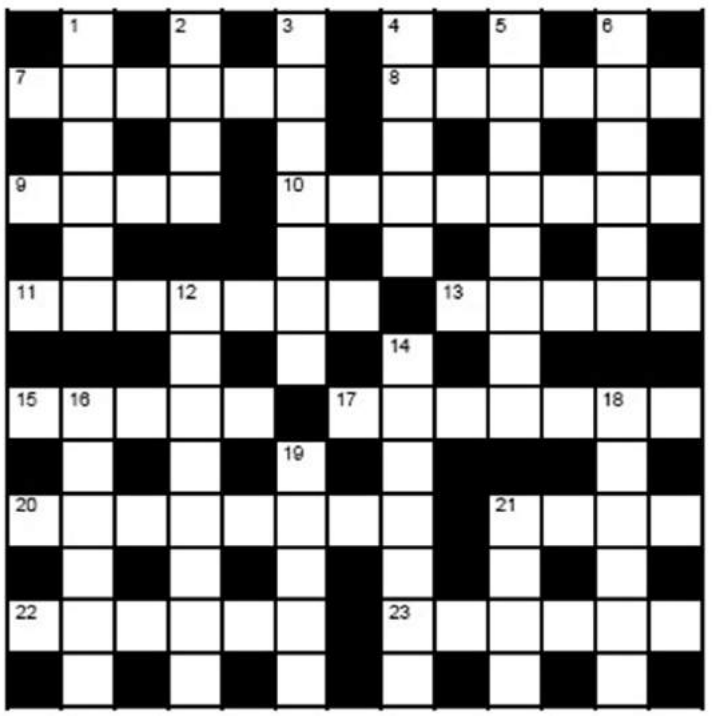

**Last week's solutions:**

Across: 7. Napalm. 8. Tremor. 9. Soon. 10. Operable. 11. Etonian. 13. U-turn. 15. Happy. 17. Succeed. 20. Outlying. 21. Skim. 22. Untold. 23. Obtain

Down: 1. Cavort. 2. Pain. 3. Immoral. 4. Steep. 5. Pedantic. 6. Holler. 12. Napoleon. 14. Gudgeon. 16. Alumni. 18. Elixir. 19. Tilde. 21. Site.

**ACROSS**

7. Thick oily substance, especially as used as a lubricant (6)
8. Information given in confidence, a warning (3-3)
9. Heal, restore to health (4)
10. Rabble-rouser, troublemaker (8)
11. Small variety of cucumber used for pickling (7)
13. An ornamental stone of a hard variety of quartz, typically banded in appearance (5)
15. Open space or clearing in a wood or forest (5)
17. Display of the colours of the spectrum produced by dispersion of light (7)
20. Person or thing considered a reasonable target for criticism or attack (4, 4)
21. Long strip or loop of cloth worn over one shoulder or round the waist (4)
22. Lion or tiger, for instance (3,3)
23. (Of time) pass or go by (6)

**DOWN**

1. Long, narrow open container for animals to eat or drink out of (6)
2. Unclothed, not covered (4)
3. Virtually colourless and tasteless water-soluble protein prepared from collagen (7)
4. Sedate, respectable, and unadventurous (5)
5. Hand-held device used to dispense paint or pesticide under pressure (5, 3)
6. Buoyant, not sinking (6)
12. To forward a letter to a different address (8)
14. Person or company providing food and drink at a social event or other gathering (7)
16. Introduction or preamble (4-2)
18. To preoccupy or fill the mind of (someone) continually (6)
19. Fried quickly in a little hot fat (5)
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# Beware of fraudsters claiming to be calling about unpaid tax

## Alert follows increase in malicious messages

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**ACTION Fraud, the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and financially motivated cyber crime, is warning people to beware of callers claiming to be from the taxman.**

It follows an increase in the number of reported malicious calls, voicemails, text messages and emails to members of the public purporting to be from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

The centre says that the fraudsters tell recipients that as a result of non-payment of tax or other duty, they are liable to prosecution or other legal proceedings, such as repossession of belongings, to settle the balance. However, they are told they can avoid this by arranging for payment to be made immediately by method such as bank transfer or by iTunes gift cards.

If the person is hesitant or refuses to comply, the fraudster makes a threat such as immediate arrest, bailiffs or in cases where the people appear to be of overseas origin, deportation.

Often, the period for which the tax is allegedly due is distant enough to guarantee the 'victim' will have little, if any, paperwork or ability to verify the claims. Once the money is paid the suspects sever all contact.

Action Fraud, which is run by the City of London Police working alongside the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau, says: "It is vital that the public exercise caution when receiving messages or telephone calls of this nature."

In order to protect themselves, the anti fraud service says people should always question unsolicited requests for personal or financial information.

**There has been an increase in reports of fraudsters purporting to be from HMRC.**

Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and contact details), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Instead, contact the company or organisation directly using trusted methods such as a known email address or phone number.

Action Fraud adds: "Listen to your instincts. If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it. No genuine organisation will ask you to pay taxes, bills or fees using gift cards, or any other type of voucher.

"Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot."

If you receive a call, text or email of this nature and have not lost money, you can report this as a 'phishing' attempt to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

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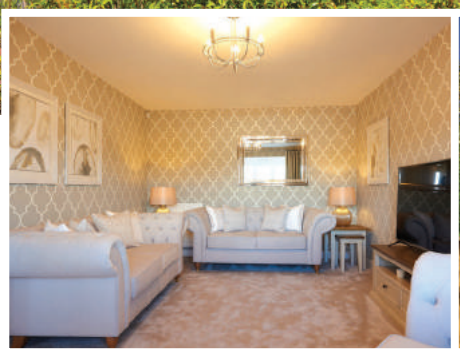

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The play centres on three couples, the Fosters (Ted Bullen and Sandra Unsworth), the Philips (Tony O'Keeffe and Ceri Watkins) and the Featherstones (Kyle Harrison-Pope and Alice Burns).

Bob Foster and Fiona Philips are having an illicit affair, which leads to farcical misunderstandings and events as both of the cheating couple involve The Featherstones in their alibis.

Ayckbourn lives in Scarborough. He is an Olivier and Tony award winning playwright and has written more than 80 plays.

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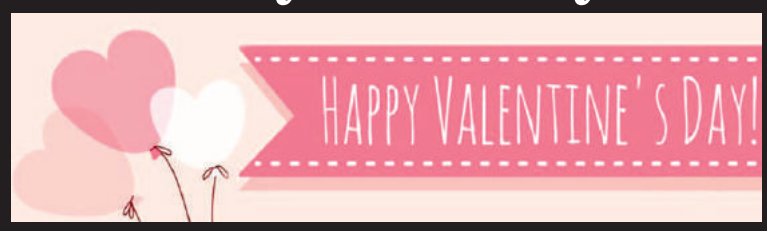


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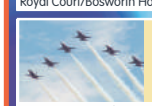

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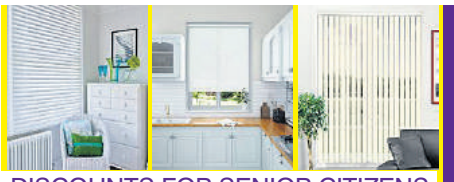


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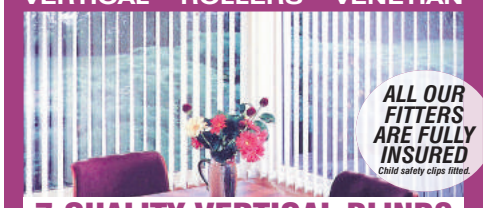


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**DOBSON BILL**

Rosemary, John and Helen would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all their many messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations to Arthritis Research UK in memory of Bill. Finally a special thank you to Ken Howles for the funeral service also to Cookson Tyrer for their very caring funeral arrangements.

**SHAW WILLIAM**

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the messages of condolence and donations for Dementia UK, received during their recent sad loss of Bill. Special thanks to all of Bill's Nephews and Nieces who travelled from the South of England, Scotland and Holland, John Milton for his kind words of comfort and April Hunter and the Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements .

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Deborah, Jasmine and Elliot.
Ian and Family
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16th January 2018

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**MANNING**
**DR. DEREK PERCY**

**On 5th January 2019 Peacefully in a Nursing Home after a short illness Aged 87 Years**
**Former Senior Medical Officer at Ford motor company**
Beloved Husband of Nancy, loving Father of David, Marcus and the late Andrea, much loved Grandpa of Ashling and Charlotte, and will be sadly missed by Dianne, Jennifer and Alison. Funeral service will take place at Liverpool Road Methodist Church on Wednesday 16th January at 2.15pm, followed by interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Parkinson's UK. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel 01704 214118.

DEATHS

**MASON**
**HARRY**

**Aged 96 Years**
**OF TARLETON**
**Passed away**
**7th January 2019**
**peacefully surrounded by his family**
Funeral service to take place at St James Church, Slater Lane, Leyland at 2pm on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 followed by interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only please, donations are being collected in fond memory of Harry to Derian House.

Further enquiries to NEWLAND & WILKINSON Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton. 01772 811165.

DEATHS

**JONES**
**RUTH**

**Passed away peacefully at Alsley Lodge, Rufford**
**12th January 2019**
**aged 84 years**
**of Aughton**

Dearly Loved Wife of Ynyr (Dave). Much Loved Mum of Patricia and Judith, Mother in law of Ian and Philip. Dearest Grandmother of Stephen, Laura Robert and Nicholas. Loved and Missed by all her family and friends.

Thanksgiving Service at Burscough Methodist Church, Burscough on Wednesday 23rd January at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired are being gratefully received for Emmanuel Church Refurbishments Fund.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

**LORD**
**LORRAINE**
**(LOZZ)**

**Passed away peacefully on 7th January 2019 aged 61 years, of Southport.**

Dearly Loved Wife of Phil, Much Loved Mum of Maria and Partner Jason. Beloved Daughter of Mary and the late Jack, Loving Sister of Brian, Jacqueline, Pamela, Anne and the late Linda. Loved and Missed by all her Family and Friends. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 18th January 2019 at 12 noon. Bright colours to be worn to the funeral. Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice.

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## DEATHS

### TOWNSLEY SAM

**4th January 2019**
**Aged 78 Years**

Peacefully in hospital. Adored partner of Elaine. Greatly missed by all who loved him. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 17th January at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being collected for Cancer Research UK. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

### BAXTER SHEILA ELIZABETH

**On 6th January 2019**
**Peacefully at Home**
**Aged 74 years**

Beloved Wife of Stephen, loving Mum of Sheila and Stephen, and dear Sister of Glenys, Shirley, Eunice and Russell. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 16th January at 12:15pm. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

### MANGAN JOHN JOSEPH

**9th January 2019**

We held your hand until the end, our hearts are ripped in two.
Life will never be the same, now we don't have you.

'Rest In Peace'

From your beloved Wife Linda, Daughter Sharon, Son John, Daughter in law Trisha and your Grandaughters Ellen, Amy and Beth.

### MOLYNEUX STANLEY

**Age 80**
**Passed away**
**22nd December 2018**

Stanley will be missed by his family and friends. Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 18th January 2019 at 1pm. Family flowers only please, donations are being collected in fond memory of Stanley to Stocks Hall Ormskirk Activity Fund.

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### MANGAN JOHN

**9th January 2019**
**Peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family**
**aged 74 years**

Much loved Husband, Dad, Grandad, Father in law, Brother and Uncle. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 25th January at 10.45am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

### HOWE MAVIS

**On 8th January 2019**
**Peacefully in Hospital, after a short illness**
**Aged 89 years**

Beloved Wife of the late Dennis, loving Mum of Claire, Michael and Stephen, and much loved Grandma of Daniel. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd January at 12:00noon. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Diabetes UK. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

### DAVIDSON EDNA

**4th January 2019**
**In hospital**
**aged 85 years**
**of Skelmersdale**

The dearly loved Wife of the late Andrew, loving Mum of David and Andrew, dear Mother in law of Carol and Jacquie, devoted Nan of Kelly, Kerri and Mark and Great Nan to Erin and Edward. Dear Sister of Mildred.

Funeral service and interment at St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale today Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

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### EATOUGH JAMES (JIM)

**Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on the 12th January 2019**
**Aged 89yrs**

Beloved Husband of Velma, dearly loved Dad of Stephen and Angela, and loving Grandad to Helen, Natalie, Rebecca and Nathan. Will be loved and remembered always. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium Burscough on Monday 28th January 2019 at 3.15pm Family flowers only please; donations if desired to Cancer Research UK c/o the funeral director. Inquiries to Neal Buckley, Tarleton Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton Tel: 01772-301700

### NAYLOR RAYMOND

**Peacefully in Whiston Hospital on 6th January 2019**
**Aged 73 years**

Beloved Husband of Ann, dearly loved Dad of Louise and Darren and their partners David and Diane, adored Grandad of Nicola, Claire and Matthew and a respected Brother, Brother in law and Uncle. The funeral service will be held at Upholland Methodist Church on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at 1pm followed by interment at St Thomas The Martyr Churchyard. All enquires to R. Banks & Son (Funerals) Ltd. Stretton House, 23 Hall Green, Upholland, Wigan. Tel (01695) 622099. www.rbanksandson.co.uk

### EVANS CHRISTINA

**9th January 2019**
**Peacefully at Aaron Crest Nursing Home, Skelmersdale**
**surrounded by her loving family**
**aged 86 years**

The dearly loved Wife of the late Charles, loving Mum of Robert, Christine, Georgie, Ann (deceased), Joan and Jennifer, dear Mother in law of Glyn, Ian and Collette and devoted Nan to all her Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchildren. Requiem Mass at St Francis of Assisi, Skelmersdale on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at 11:00am followed by interment at Allerton Cemetery. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale. Tel:01695 722122/720012

### TYRER DAVID JOHN (DAVE)

**aged 75 years.**
**Died at home.**

Much loved Husband of Elva, much loved Brother of Dorothy and Joyce (Deceased). Sadly missed by all his Friends and Family. Family flowers only by request, Donations to Freshfield Animal Shelter.

For Funeral Arrangements and further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555

## DEATHS

### TEMPLE ALLEN

**January 6th 2019**
**Aged 81 years**

Much loved Husband of Barbara and Father to Mark and Penni. Adored Gaga to Alex, Freya, Honor, Bella and Hugo. Service at All Saints Church, Crosby on Thursday January 24th 2019 at 1.45pm followed by Cremation at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Motor Neurone Disease Association c/o H. Leslie Humphreys 69 Liverpool Road Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805

### WILLIAMS CYNTHIA

**January 4th 2019**
**Peacefully at home**
**Aged 93 years**

Reunited with her much loved Husband Les. Loving Mum of Roy and Colin. Mother in law of Ann and Patricia. Dear Nana of Gareth, Lyndsay, Mike, Carys and Ceridwen. Cynthia will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service and Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Friday January 25th 2019 at 2pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to Woodland Hospice c/o H. Leslie Humphreys 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805

## DEATHS

### SCARISBRICK DAVID HENRY

**On 4th January 2019**
**Peacefully in Hospital**
**Aged 76 years**

Former manager of the Liberal Club Football Team. Beloved Husband of Rita, loving Father of Judith, John, Jillian and Janine, much loved Granddad of Rebecca, Christopher, Niya, James, Joe, Jack, and George. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 21st January at 1:00pm. Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for Prostate Cancer UK. Donations and further enquiries please to, M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 2141198.

### TAYLOR JAMES WALTER (JIM)

**On 7th January 2019**
**Peacefully at home, surrounded by his family**
**Aged 85 years**

Beloved Husband of Alice, loving Father of Rosemary, Christopher, Caroline and the late beloved Mary, and doting Grandfather of Isabella, Jonathan, Antonia and Edward. Funeral service and Interment will take place at St. Cuthberts Church on Friday 25th January at 2:00pm. Flowers or donations for St. Cuthberts Parish Church. All enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel 01704 214118.

## DEATHS

### SZCZNESNIAK MAREK

**2nd January 2019**
**Aged 70 years**

Much loved Husband of Teresa. Loving Father of Jozef, Helenka & Andrzejek. Beloved Brother, Uncle and friend. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Ormskirk, L40 7SP on Friday 18th January at 1:45pm. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for ITU at Southport Hospital. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors. 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

### COWAN (Née Allin) MILDRED ROSE

**Passed away peacefully at Southport Hospital, on 9th January aged 83 years with her loved ones at her side**

Dearly loved Mum of Ian, Joan Grace and Helen. Loved by family and friends. Funeral service to be held on Friday 25th January 2019 at Southport Crematorium, at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to RNLI c/o Broadbent and Seddon Funeral Directors, Birkdale 01704 550055.

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, BURNLEY, FYLDE, HYNDBURN, PRESTON, ROSSENDALE, SOUTH RIBBLE AND WEST LANCS) (REVOCATIONS AND VARIOUS PARKING RESTRICTIONS (JULY/AUGUST NO1)) ORDER 2019**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on 09 January 2019 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to: 1. Revoke the following: a. The "Lancashire County Council (Burnley Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to; i. Items (2)a), (2)b), (4)a), (4)b), (6), (7)a), (7)b), (8), (9) and (10) of Schedule 11.035; ii. Item (1) of Schedule 12.061. b. The "Lancashire County Council (Fylde Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to; i.Item (1) of Schedule 11.083; ii.Item (1) of Schedule 12.072. c.The "Lancashire County Council (Preston Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to item (60) of Schedule 10.01. d.The "Lancashire County Council (South Ribble Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to; i.Items (165)a) and (165)b) of Schedule 10.01; ii.Item (5) of Schedule 10.03. e.The "Lancashire County Council (Woodlands Road, Ansdell, Fylde Borough) (Part Revocation and Restriction of Waiting) Order 2011" insofar as it relates to item c) of Schedule 3. f.The "Lancashire County Council (Sharoe Green Lane Area, Fulwood, Preston City) (One Way Traffic, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Prohibition of Loading/Unloading, and Part Revocation) Order 2012" insofar as it relates to the whole of Schedule 5. g.The "Lancashire County Council (Garden Street, Mount Street and Winckley Square, Preston, Preston City) (Revocation, Prohibition of Waiting and Disabled Parking Place) Order 2017" insofar as it relates to Schedule2. 2.Introduce a prohibition of waiting in the following lengths of road: a.Bury Road, Haslingden, the east side, from the centreline of Manchester Road for a distance of 18 metres in a northerly direction;
b.Bury Road, Haslingden, the west side, from the centreline of Manchester Road for a distance of 30 metres in a northerly direction; c.Clifton Drive North, Lytham St Annes, the north-east side, from a point 158 metres north-west of the centreline of St George's Road for a distance of 6 metres in a north-westerly direction; d.Clifton Drive South, Lytham St Annes, the north side, from a point 44 metres west of the centreline of Queen's Road for a distance of 26 metres in an easterly direction; e.Clifton Drive South, Lytham St Annes, the south side, from a point 8 metres east of the centreline of Lightburne Avenue for a distance of 44 metres in an easterly direction; f.Clifton Drive South, Lytham St Annes, the south side, from the centre line of Lightburne Avenue for a distance of 20.5 meters in a westerly direction; g.Egerton Road, Preston, both sides, from the centreline of Tulketh Road for a distance of 25 metres in a south-westerly direction;
h.Hartley Street, Great Harwood, both sides, from a point 28 metres north of the centreline of Windsor Road for a distance of 44 metres in a northerly direction; i. Harwood Lane, Great Harwood, the north side, from the centreline of the A680 Whalley Road for a distance of 84 metres in a south westerly direction; j. Harwood Lane, Great Harwood, the south side, from the centreline of the A680 Whalley Road for a distance of 60 metres in a south westerly direction;
k. Lightburne Avenue, Lytham St Annes, both sides, from the centreline of Clifton Drive South for a distance of 21 meters in a southerly direction; l. Market Way, Ormskirk, both sides, from the centreline of Moorgate for its entire length extending onto the northerly private land; m.Northcote Street, Leyland, both sides, from a point 10.5 metres north east from the centreline of Hough Lane for a distance of 18 metres in a north-easterly direction; n.Queensway, Penwortham, the west side, from the centreline of Liverpool Road, A59 to the centreline of Highgate; o.Queensway, Penwortham, the east side, from the centreline of Liverpool Road, A59 for a distance of 32 metres in a northerly direction; p.St Davids Road South, Lytham St Annes, the south-west side, from the centreline of Hove Road for a distance of 15 metres in a south-easterly direction; q.Summerwood Lane, Halsall, the south side, from a point 47.5 metres east of the centreline of the A5147 Halsall Road, for a distance of 37 metres in an easterly direction; r.Tulketh Road, Preston, the south-west side, from the centreline of Powis Road to a point 6 metres north-west of the centreline of Wellington Road; s.Whalley Road, Great Harwood, the western side, from a point 15 metres south of the centreline of Harwood Lane for a distance of 30 metres in a northerly direction; t.Whitebirk Drive U48115, Rishton, both sides, from the centreline of the A6119 Whitebirk Drive in a south-westerly direction and then a southerly direction to the district boundary with Blackburn & Darwen, an approximate distance of 185 metres; u.Whitebirk Drive U48115, Rishton, the east side, from its junction with the unclassified Whitebirk Drive U48115 northern spur, on the eastern side for a distance of 60 metres in a northerly direction; v.Whitebirk Drive U48115, Rishton, the west side, from its junction with the unclassified Whitebirk Drive U48115 northern spur, on the western side for a distance of 75 metres in a northerly direction; w.Woodlands Road, Lytham St Annes, the west side, from the centreline of Seymour Road for a distance of 7 metres in a north-easterly direction. 3.Introduce a restriction of waiting between 8am and 6.30pm in the following lengths of road: a. Brush Street, Burnley, the east side, from the centreline of Accrington Road for a distance of 15 metres in a southerly direction; b. Brush Street, Burnley, the east side; from the centreline of Villiers Street for a distance of 38 metres in a northerly direction; c. Brush Street, Burnley, the west side, from the centreline of Accrington Road for a distance of 24 metres in a southerly direction; d. Hartley Street, Burnley, the east side, from the centreline of Accrington Road for a distance of 24 metres in a southerly direction; e. Hartley Street, Burnley, the west side, from the centreline of Accrington road for a distance of 15 metres in a southerly direction; f.Hartley Street, Burnley, the west side, from the centreline of Villiers Street for a distance of 38 metres in a northerly direction. 4.Introduce limited waiting for 1 hour, with no return within 1 hour, Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm in the following lengths of road: a.Woodlands Road, Lytham St Annes, the east side, from a point 10.5 metres north-east of the centreline of Seymour Road for a distance of 28.5 metres in a north-easterly direction; b.Woodlands Road, Lytham St Annes, the west side, from a point 7 metres north-east of the centreline of Seymour Road for a distance of 34 metres in a north-easterly direction. 5.Introduce limited waiting for 2 hours with no return within 2 hours, Monday to Friday between 10am and 5pm in the following lengths of road: a.Aysgarth Avenue, Fulwood, the north side, from a point 23 metres west of the centreline of Broadwood Drive for a distance of 45 metres in a westerly direction; b.Aysgarth Avenue, Fulwood, the west side, from a point 23 metres south of Heversham Avenue, for a distance of 28 metres in a southerly direction; c.Broadwood Drive, Fulwood, the west side, from a point 19 metres north west of the centreline of Hellifield, for a distance of 60 metres in a north westerly direction; d.Brooklands Avenue, Fulwood, the west side, from a point 63 metres north of the centreline of Sharoe Green Lane to its junction with South Drive; e.Clanfield, Fulwood, the east side, from a point 104 metres north of the centreline of Sharoe Green Lane, for a distance of 95 metres in a northerly direction ; f.Clanfield, Fulwood, the south side, from a point 340 metres north, then east of the centreline of Sharoe Green Lane, for a distance of 12 metres in an easterly direction; g.Clanfield, Fulwood, the west side, from a point 226 metres north of the centreline of Sharoe Green Lane, for a distance of 72 metres in a northerly direction; h.Goodwood Avenue, Fulwood, the east side, from a point 129 metres south of the centreline of Hellifield to a point 22 metres north of the centreline of Heversham Avenue; i.Goodwood Avenue, Fulwood, the west side, from a point 21 metres south of the centreline of Hellifield, for a distance of 13 metres in a southerly direction;
j.Goodwood Avenue, Fulwood, the west side, from a point 52 metres south of the centreline of Hellifield for a distance of 36 metres in a southerly direction; k.Hellifield, Fulwood, the north side, from a point 23 metres east of the centreline of Polefield, for a distance of 54 metres in an easterly direction; l.Hellifield, Fulwood, the north side, from a point 27 metres east of the centreline of Oakfield, for a distance of 37 metres in an easterly direction; m.Hellifield, Fulwood, the south side, from a point 37 metres east of the centreline of Goodwood Avenue, for a distance of 21 metres in an easterly direction; n.Heversham Avenue, Fulwood, the north side, from a point 60 metres east of the centreline of Goodwood Avenue, for a distance of 63 metres in an easterly direction; o.Heversham Avenue, Fulwood, the south side, from a point 23 metres east of the centreline of Clanfield, for a distance of 27 metres in an easterly direction; p.Heversham Avenue, Fulwood, the south side, from a point 98 metres east of the centreline of Clanfield, for a distance of 78 metres in an easterly direction; q.Polefield, Fulwood, the east side, from a point 54 metres north of the centreline of Heversham Avenue, for a distance of 26 metres in a northerly direction; r.Polefield, Fulwood, the east side, from a point 18 metres north of the centreline of Sandwick Close, for a distance of 32 metres in a northerly direction; s.Polefield, Fulwood, the east side, from a point 123 metres north of the centreline of Hellifield, for a distance of 28 metres in a northerly direction; t.Polefield, Fulwood, the west side, from a point 186 metres north of the centreline of Heversham Avenue, for a distance of 70 metres in a northerly direction; u.South Drive, Fulwood, the west side, from its junction with Brooklands Avenue for a distance of 107 metres in a northerly direction; v.Tinkerfield, Fulwood, the east side, from a point 22 metres north of the centreline of Hellifield, for a distance of 50 metres in a northerly direction; w.Tinkerfield, Fulwood, the west side, from a point 92 metres north of the centreline of Hellifield, for a distance of 60 metres in a northerly direction. 6.Introduce a prohibition of loading/unloading in the following lengths of road: a.Garden Street, Preston, both sides, from the centreline of Winckley Square to the centreline of Mount Street; Wood Street, Lytham St Annes, the east side, from the centreline of Clifton Drive South for a distance of 61.5 meters in a north-easterly direction.

This Order will come into force on the 21 January 2019. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Burnley Borough Council, Town Hall, Manchester Road, Burnley, BB11 9SA, and at the office of Fylde Borough Council, Town Hall, Lytham St Annes, FY8 1LW, and at the office of Hyndburn Borough Council, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington, BB5 0PF, and at the offices of Preston City Council, PO Box 10, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 2RL, and at the offices of Rossendale Borough Council - One Stop Shop, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Newchurch Road, Bacup, OL13 0BB, and at the offices of, South Ribble Borough Council, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH, and at the offices of, West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Councils Website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx, **quoting ref: LSG4/894.4965/AFR**. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act, or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

**Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services**
**16 January 2019**

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## Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NW Metal Sections Ltd of Unit A Mosspark Warehousing Dairy Farm Road, Rainford WA11 7JR is applying to change an existing licence to add an operating centre to keep 10 goods vehicles and 20 trailers at Units 1-3 Glebe Road, Gillibrands, Skelmersdale WN8 9JP.
Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF MAKING**
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, CHORLEY, FYLDE, HYNDBURN, PRESTON, ROSSENDALE, SOUTH RIBBLE, WEST LANCASHIRE AND WYRE) (REVOCATIONS AND INTRODUCTION OF 20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH AND 50MPH SPEED LIMITS DECEMBER (No1)) ORDER 2019**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 09 January 2019 Lancashire County Council made the above Speed Limit Order under Sections 82(2), 83(2) and 84 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to:
1. Revoke the 'Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Wrightington, Banks, Simonswood And Aughton, West Lancashire Borough) (Revocation And 40mph Speed Limit) Order 2015' in full. 2. Revoke Schedule 1 – Column 3, item 9 of the 'Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Wilpshire, Ribble Valley (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2017'. 3. Revoke the Schedule of the 'Lancashire County Council (Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh, Preston Borough) (Restricted Road) Order 1995'. 4. Revoke Schedule 1 – Item 1 of the 'Borough Of Hyndburn Various Roads (Restricted Roads) (50mph Speed Limit) (Revocation And Variation) Order 2001'. 5. Revoke Schedule 1 – Item 1 of the 'Lancashire County Council (Restricted Roads) (No.4) Order 1977'.
6. Revoke the Schedule of the 'Statutory Instrument 1962 No. 973 Road Traffic The Trunk Roads (40 M.P.H. Speed Limit Direction) (No.27) Order 1962'. 7. Revoke Schedule 2 – Item 2 of the 'Borough Of Hyndburn Various Roads (Restricted Roads) (50mph Speed Limit) (Revocation And Variation) Order 2001'. 8. Introduce a 20mph Speed Limit on U50714 Glendene Park, Clayton-Le-Dale, for its entire length. 9. Introduce a 20mph Speed Limit on the A671 Rochdale Road, Bacup, from its junction with Bath Street to its junction with Union Street. 10. Introduce a 30mph Speed Limit on the following lengths of road: a) U21094 Back Lane, Rising Bridge, from a point 172 metres south-east of its junction with U16718 Partridge Drive, Accrington to a point approximately 40 metres north-west of its junction with U47883, Hazel Street Rising Bridge; b) C349 Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh, from a point 148 metres from the centreline of the B6243 Preston Road to a point 85 metres north of the centreline of U12326 Cow Hill, Haighton; c) C270 Mythop Road, Weeton, from its junction with The Laurels for a distance of 100 metres in a south westerly direction; d) U7454 Clod Lane, Haslingden, from a point 295 metres south of its junction with Manchester Road to its junction with Greens Lane; e) U7452 Ewood Lane, Haslingden, for its entire Length; f) U7452 Greens Lane, Haslingden, from a point 475 metres east of Brooklands Avenue to its junction with Ewood Lane. 11. Introduce a 40mph Speed Limit on the following lengths of road: a) A5209 Hall Lane and Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington, from a point 175 metres west of the centreline of Glenside to the county boundary with Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council at the easterly side of the roundabout with the M6 motorway; b) C176 Moss Lane, Wrightington, from its junction with the A5209 for a distance of 60 metres in a north westerly direction; c) B5250 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, from the junction with the A5209 Crow Orchard Road to a point 14 metres north of the centreline of Boundary Lane; d) C126 Sineacre Lane, Simonswood, from its junction with Stopgate Lane to a point 50 metres south of Moss Lane; e) C126 Stopgate, Simonswood, for its entire length; f) U1027 Cut Lane, Aughton, from its junction with Narrow Lane for a distance of approximately 135 metres; g) U959 Shepherd's Lane, Aughton, from its junction with Narrow Lane for a distance of approximately 60 metres; h) C120 Mill Lane, Aughton, for its entire length; i) C142 Ralph's Wife's Lane, Banks, from a point 440 metres east of the Merseyside County Boundary to a point 840 metres east of the County Boundary; j) C208 Rivington Lane, Rivington, from a point 87 metres north-west of the centreline of Dryfield Lane (U4817) for a distance of 573 metres in a north-westerly direction; k) A679 Burnley Road, Accrington, from a point 215 metres east of the centreline of Carlisle Road for a distance of 1,280 metres in an easterly direction; l) C290 Ballam Road, Westby-with-Plumpton, from a point 67 metres west of its junction with Fox Lane Ends/Station Road to a point 200 metres south of its junction with West Moss Lane; m) C283 Peel Road, Westby-With-Plumpton, for its entire length. 12. Introduce a 50mph Speed Limit on the following lengths of road: a) B6535 Harwood Road, Rishton, from its junction with Lee Lane/Wilpshire Road for a distance of 310 metres in a southerly direction; b) B6535 Lee Lane, Rishton, from its junction with Harwood Road/Wilpshire Road for a distance of 950 metres in a northerly direction.

This Order will come into force on the 21 January 2019. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Ribble Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Church Walk, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 2RA, of Fylde Borough Council, Town Hall, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, FY8 1LW, of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 2DF, of Chorley Borough Council, Town Hall, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 1DP, of Hyndburn Borough Council, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington, Lancashire, BB11 9SA, of Rossendale Borough Council - One Stop Shop, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Newchurch Road, Bacup, OL13 0BB, of Preston City Council, PO Box 10, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 2RL, at the offices of the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Council's website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx quoting ref: LSG6/894.6450/AFR

**Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services**
**16 January 2019**

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL**
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, CHORLEY, SOUTH RIBBLE, HYNDBURN, PRESTON, PENDLE, RIBBLE VALLEY, WEST LANCASHIRE AND WYRE) (REVOCATION AND INTRODUCTION OF 20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH AND 50MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 201***

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Speed Limit Order under Section 84 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to:
1. Revoke the following: a. The "Lancashire County Council Various Roads including A570 and A577, Burscough, Blaguegate, Ormskirk, Skelmersdale and Westhead, West Lancashire) (Revocation, Restricted Road, De-Restriction, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limits) Order 2015", insofar as it relates to Item b) of Schedule 3;
b. The "Lancashire County Council (Restricted Roads) (No. 4) Order 1980" in full.
c. "The Lancashire County Council (Restricted Roads) (No.1) Order 1983" in full;
d. The "Lancashire County Council (A682 Gisburn Road and Beverley Road, Blacko, Pendle Borough) (Part Time 20mph Speed Limit) Order 2012" in full; e. The "Lancashire County Council(Golden Way, Penwortham, South Ribble Borough) (Part Revocation and 40 and 50 mph Speed Limit) Order 2015 insofar as it relates to Schedule 2 and Schedule 3;
f. The "Lancashire County Council (Preston New Road, Samlesbury, South Ribble Borough Council) (Revocation and Introduction of 40 and 50mph Speed Limits) Order 2016" insofar as it relates to Schedule 1;
g. "The County Council of Lancaster (Built Up Areas) (No.1) Order, 1960" in full; h. The "Lancashire County Council (B5246 The Marshes Lane/Holmeswood Road, Mere Brow/Holmeswood and A5147 Halsall Road/Gorsuch Lane, Halsall/Gorsuch, West Lancashire Borough) (Part Revocation, 30, 40 and 50mph Speed Limit) Order 2011" insofar as it relates to Article 2; i. The "Statutory Instruments 1968 No. 1393 The Trunk Roads (40MPH Speed Limit) (No.29) Order 1968" in full; j. The "Statutory Instruments 1968 No. 1394 The Trunk Roads (40MPH Speed Limit) (No.30) Order 1968" insofar as it relates to Schedule III; k. The "Lancashire County Council (40mph Speed Limit) (No.1) Order 1982" in full;
l. The "Lancashire County Council (Bamber Bridge Bypass(London Way and Lostock Lane) And Church Road, A6 And Lostock Lane A582, Bamber Bridge, South Ribble Borough) (De-Restricted Road and 40MPH Speed Limit (No.1) And Revocation) Order 1988" insofar as it relates to Schedule 2; m. The "Lancashire County Council (Lindle Lane and Pope Lane, Hutton and Longton, South Ribble Borough) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 1994" insofar as it relates to Item (i) of the Schedule; n. The "Lancashire County Council (A6 Lostock Lane, Bamber Bridge, South Ribble Borough) (Revocation and 40mph Speed Limit) Order 2008" insofar as it relates to Article 2; o. The "Lancashire County Council (A582 Penwortham Bypass, Preston and South Ribble Boroughs) (40mph Speed Limit) and (Restricted Roads) Order 1996" in full; p. The "Lancashire County Council (Preston New Road, Samlesbury, Ribble Valley Borough and South Ribble Borough) (Revocation) Order 2015" in full; q. "The Trunk Roads (50mph Speed Limit) (England) Order 1965" insofar as it relates to the A677 50mph Section of Schedule No 1.
2. Introduce a 20mph speed limit on the following lengths of road:
a. Anderton Crescent, Buckshaw Village, the entire length; b. Bamber Avenue, Buckshaw Village, the entire length;
c. Broadstone Drive, Buckshaw Village, the entire length; d. Mayflower Crescent, Buckshaw Village, the entire length;
e. Cordwainers Court, Buckshaw Village, the entire length; f. Durham Drive, Buckshaw Village, from its junction with the centreline of Main Square to a point 90 metres north of its junction with the centreline of Highlands Drive;
g. Hereford Grove, Buckshaw Village, from its junction with the centreline of Highland Drive for a distance of 28 metres in an easterly direction; h. Highland Drive, Buckshaw Village, the entire length; i. Jersey Fold, Buckshaw Village, the entire length; j. Oxford Mews, Buckshaw Village, the entire length; k. Perthshire Grove, Buckshaw Village, from its junction with the centreline of Highland Drive for a distance of 34 metres in a north-easterly direction.
3. Introduce a 30mph speed limit on Stubbins Lane, Claughton-On-Brock, from its junction with the centreline of Garstang Road for a distance of 135 metres in a north-easterly direction.
4. Introduce a 40mph speed limit on the following lengths of road:
a. A6 Church Road, Walton Summit, from its junction with the A6 Preston Road, Walton Summit in a general northerly direction to its junction with the A6 Lostock Lane, Bamber Bridge;
b. A6 Lostock Lane, Bamber Bridge, from its junction with the A6 Church Road, Walton Summit in a general northerly direction to a point 195 metres west of the centreline of Cuerden Way (U22318);
c. A6 Preston Road, Chorley, from a point 56 metres north of the centreline of the northern carriageway of Millennium Way (A674) in a general northerly direction to its junction with the A6 Preston Road, Whittle-le-Woods;
d. A6 Preston Road, Clayton Brook, from its junction with the A6 Preston Road, Clayton Green in a general northerly direction to its junction with the A6 Preston Road, Walton Summit; e. A6 Preston Road, Clayton Green, from its junction with the A6 Preston Road, Whittle-le-Woods in a general northerly direction to the A6 Preston Road, Clayton Brook; f. A6 Preston Road, Walton Summit, from its junction with the A6 Preston Road, Clayton Brook in a general northerly direction to its junction with the A6 Church Road, Walton Summit;
g. A6 Preston Road, Whittle-Le-Woods, from its junction with the A6 Preston Road, Chorley in a general northerly direction to its junction with the A6 Preston Road, Clayton Green;
h. Lindle Lane, Hutton, from its junction with the centreline of Blackhurst Avenue to its junction with Pope Lane;
i. Blackburn Road, from its junction with the centreline Whitebirk Drive including the roundabout to a point 236 metres in a south-westerly direction; j. Whitebirk Drive, Rishton, from a point 250 metres south east of its junction with the centreline of Whitebirk Drive to its junction with A678 (Blackburn Road) including the entire roundabout;
k. Channel Way, Preston, from its junction with Junction Road for a distance of 16 metres in northerly direction;
l. Golden Way roundabout link to Leyland Road roundabout, from its junction with Golden Way roundabout to a point 53 metres south west of its junction with Leyland Road roundabout; m. Golden Way Eastbound Slip Road, from its junction with Golden Way to a point 60 metres south of its junction with Leyland Road; n. Golden Way, Penwortham, from its junction with Guildway for a distance of 670 metres in a southerly direction (including the roundabout);
o. Guild Way, Preston, from its junction with Golden Way for a distance of 463 metres in a northerly direction;
p. Golden Way northbound slip road, from its junction with Liverpool Road to its junction with Golden Way;
q. Junction Road, Preston, from its junction with Guildway for a distance of 82 metres in a northerly direction;
r. Guild Way Southbound Entry Slip Road, from its junction with Strand Road to its junction with Guild Way;
s. Westbound Entry To Golden Way Roundabout, from a point 53 metres south west of Leyland Road Roundabout to its junction with Golden Way roundabout; t. Preston New Road, Samlesbury, from a point 342 metres east of its junction with the centreline of Nab's Head Lane to a point 570 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Intack Lane;
u. Chain House Lane, Whitestake, from its junction with Penwortham Way to its junction with Wham Lane;
v. Wham Lane, New Longton, from its junction with Chain House Lane to a point 60 metres east of the junction with the centreline of Orchards Avenue; w. Chain House Lane, Whitestake, from its junction with Penwortham Way to its junction with Coote Lane; x. Coote Lane, Whitestake, from its junction with Chain House Lane to a point 65 metres north-west of its junction with the centreline of Charnock Moss.
5. Introduce a 50mph speed limit on the following lengths of road; a. Moss Lane, Burscough, from a point 35 metres North East of Back Moss Lane to its junction with A59 Causeway Lane; b. Causeway Lane, Rufford, from its junction with the A59 Moss Lane for a distance of 730 metres in a northerly direction; c. Golden Way, Penwortham, from a point 93 metres north west of the centreline of the Valley Road foot bridge across Golden Way to its junction with Penwortham Way; d. Golden Way Slip Road North, Penwortham, from a point 67 metres north-east of its junction with Cop Lane to its junction with Golden Way; e. Golden Way Slip Road South, Penwortham, from a point 82 metres north-east of its junction with Cop Lane to its junction with Golden Way; f. Penwortham Way, Penwortham, from a point 6 metres north of Brooklane to its junction with Golden Way; g. Preston New Road, from a point 116 metres east of its junction with the centreline of Yew Tree Drive to a point 90 metres east of its junction with the centreline of Branch Road.
A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Chorley Borough Council, Town Hall, Chorley, PR7 1DP, and at the offices of South Ribble Borough Council, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH, and at the offices of Hyndburn Borough Council, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington, BB5 0PF, and at the offices of Preston City Council, PO Box 10, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 2RL, and at the offices of Pendle Borough Council, No1 Market Street, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 9LU, and at the offices of Ribble Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Church Walk, Clitheroe, BB7 2RA, and at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of Wyre Borough Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU, and at the offices of The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Councils Website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk quoting ref:LSG4\894.8973\AFR before the 15 February 2019.

**Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services**
**16 January 2019**

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**West Lancashire Borough Council**
**Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15**

**APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

2018/1275/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey kitchen extension to rear at Ruff Gate, 18 Ruff Lane, Ormskirk. The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/1306/FUL Change of use from vacant shop to adult amusement and bingo centre and cafe including alterations to the front elevation. Installation of access ramp to side elevation at 15A The Concourse, Southway, Skelmersdale.

2018/1315/FUL New storage and distribution ancillary unit at Ainscough Metals, Steel Point, Staveley Road, Skelmersdale.

2018/1338/FUL Front and rear extensions and material alterations at 107 Hall Road, Scarisbrick. The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/1358/FUL Additional entrance/exit incorporating drop-down kerb to highway at 33 Granville Park West, Aughton. The application affects a Conservation Area.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

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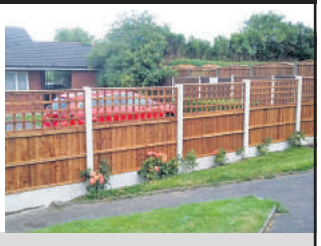

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# Rally is gone, but not forgotten

**SO LONG, Woodvale Rally. You're gone, but not forgotten – but I'll remember you in your prime whenever I look back, *writes Life on Cars' David Simister.***

Chances are you'll have already read about the cancellation of this year's event, but for me it's a bit more than just any old car show being culled.

The Woodvale Rally is the first one I remember going to, and the one that I've grown up with. It is the show that nurtured my love of anything with an engine in it.

For a long time since the early Nineties one weekend in early August meant wandering around an air base for hours, getting sunburnt. I remember going twice with the cub scouts on litter picking duties (and getting a nasty gash on my knee during the latter), as a youthful helper-out with various Land Rover and model railway stands, as a *Champion* reporter and – perhaps best of all – as a classic car exhibitor when my Minis and MGB took part.

The masses of old motors, the endless model aircraft displays, trade tents covering just about every hobby imaginable – I loved all of it. Even the queues stretching right the way down the Formby Bypass as everyone crammed through the gates were somehow part of the fun. Sure, it was congestion, but it was a traffic jam with Triumph Stags and Jaguar E-types in it. I can understand completely if your local summer treat was the air show, or the flower show, but for me it was always the Woodvale Rally, and it was for most of the other car nuts I grew up with, too.

That's how I'll remember the Woodvale Rally, as the big, bustling, and normally stifling hot get-together at RAF Woodvale. Not the show at Victoria Park that followed it from 2012 onwards.

I know that the discovery of asbestos at the original venue forced the organisers' hands, but it just wasn't the same.

Family-friendly and fun? Undoubtedly.

A weekend's worth of great engineering and model aircraft displays, just as the event's instigators intended when they set up the Rally back in 1971?

Erm, not really.

I reckon that the original Rally's petrolhead pull has been taken on by the Ormskirk MotorFest and, to a smaller extent, by events like the Lydiate Classic Car Show, but with the cancellation of this year's event and the loss of the Manchester Classic Car Show I mentioned last month that there's a real gap for another car-focused event in this part of the world.

A full weekend packed with old cars and motorbikes, plus aircraft displays, model railways, steam engines and tractors.

I reckon that the Leisure Lakes Steam Rally – back in Tarleton in June following 2018's cancellation – will do the trick, but there's room for another.

Hopefully someone high-up at RAF Woodvale is reading this. You know what to do…

*David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly*


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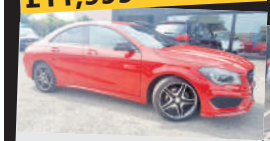

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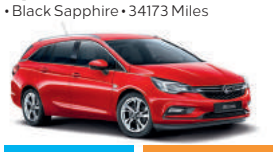

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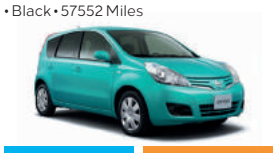

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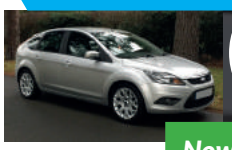

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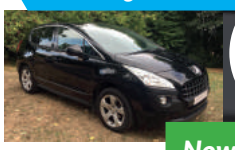

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### 62 VW Golf 1.2 5 Dr

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### 64 Renault Megane 1.5 Dci Dynamique 5 Dr

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Was £7995 — Now £7495

### 15 Ford Fiesta 1.2 Zetec 5 Dr

£34 Per Week

Was £8495 — Now £7995

### 14 Ford Focus 1.0 Zetec Nav 5 Dr

£34 Per Week

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### 63 BMW 116 Diesel Se 5 Dr

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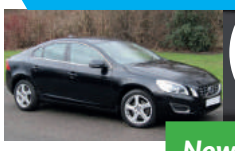

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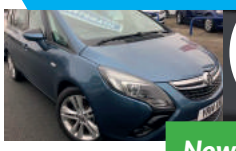

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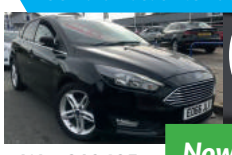

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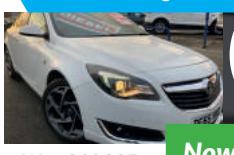

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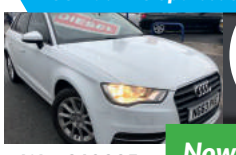

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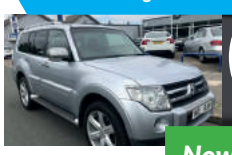

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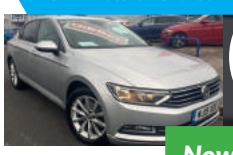

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### 65 Volvo V40 2.0 Diesel Cross Country Lux Auto

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### 16 Ford Focus 1.6 Tdci Zetec S 5 Dr

Specification;
- 1 Owner
- Priv Glass
- Alloys

Was £12495 — Now £11995

### 64 Ford S Max 2.0 Tdci Titanium Auto

Specification;
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- 53000 Miles

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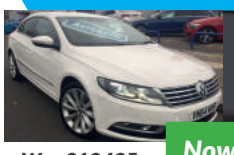

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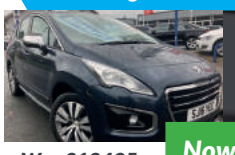

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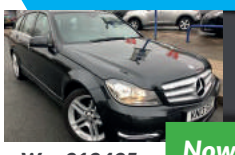

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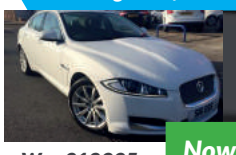

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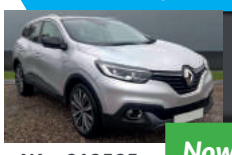

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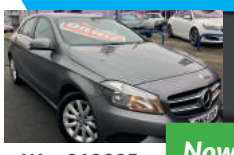

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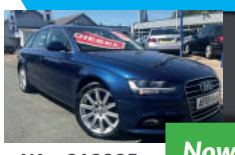

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- FSH
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### 64 Bmw 116 Diesel M Sport 5 Dr

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- Rear Priv Glass

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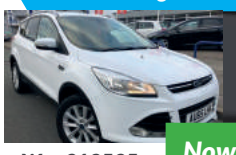

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- FSH
- 1/2 Leather

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### 64 Bmw 520 Diesl Se Auto 4 Dr

Specification;
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- FSH
- 62000 Miles

Was £14995 — Now £13995

### 65 Mercedes B180 1.5 Cdi Se Auto

Specification;
- 1 Owner
- 17000 Miles
- Leather

Was £14995 — Now £13995

### 15 Mercedes A180 1.5 Cdi AMG Sport 5 Dr

Specification;
- 55000 Miles
- Upgraded Alloys
- 1/2 Leather

Was £15495 — Now £14995

### 15 Audi A4 2.0 Tdi Quattro S Line 4 Dr

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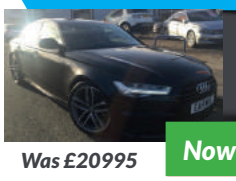

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# Chasetown clash is crunch game for Skem

## Burscough have point to prove against Vase hopefuls

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

**ALTHOUGH the season hasn't reached the life or death situation for Skelmersdale United yet, it has certainly reached a crucial stage for them as Paul McNally's bottom-placed side entertain Chasetown on Saturday.**

Victory will ignite realistic hopes of avoiding the drop into the North West Counties League next season, while defeat will arguably leave them up against it for the rest of season.

Presently Skelmersdale are bottom with eight points from 23 games. Just above them are Kendal Town with 13 points from 22 games, then Glossop North End with 16 points from 22 games, Clitheroe with 20 points from 23 games and fifth from bottom are Chasetown on 20 points from 24 games. The teams play 38 games.

A victory for Skem would close much of the gap and with 14 games left knowing a good run would save them, defeat would make it very difficult for Skelmersdale to catch Chasetown.

In Skem's favour is the way games went on Saturday.

A changed Skelmersdale side were a little unlucky not to win at Newcastle Town and will enter the big game confident that if they only improve on that slightly there is good chance they can win. Meanwhile Chasetown were thumped 3-0 at Trafford.

Chasetown have won three times away from home while Skem have yet to win at home and when the two teams met back in October in Staffordshire it ended 2-2, Sean Yeldrem getting among the goals for Skem.

So it is expected to be close and it could be said that Skem need all the support they can get this week.

On Saturday Burscough have a difficult away trip to an Irlam side that the Linnets hope will have their minds on Wembley,

Irlam are in the last 16 of the FA Vase and have a favourable home draw on February 2nd versus Chertsey Town.

They beat Burscough 4-2 in the Vase back September when the competition was still regionalised, so the Linnets will have a point to prove, plus they are in far better form than they were back then.

Neither of our local teams has a midweek game scheduled for next week and on Saturday, January 26 Skelmersdale are away to Ramsbottom United while Burscough will have a local derby against Ashton Athletic at Victoria Park.

# Honours even as Linnets maintain unbeaten run at Congleton

Congleton Town 0 Burscough 0

**BURSCOUGH continued their unbeaten run with a good point at Congleton on Saturday.**

**The Bears have maintained a promotion challenge all season so posed a serious threat to the Linnets' unbeaten run but by the final whistle Terry Green's side had picked up a well-earned point and could even have got all three.**

**Greeted by a strong wind and rain, Burscough found themselves under some pressure early on but aided by a good tip around the post by goalkeeper Max Povey and a wayward shot from the hosts' Billy Hasler-Cregg, they held on pretty well.**

**And the visitors went very close to taking the lead when Chad Whyte picked up possession in the home 18-yard box.**

**Although he rounded Congleton goalkeeper Craig Ellison his shot from a wide angle was frustrated by a superb goal-line clearance by Tom Morris.**

**This was followed by a crude tackle on Terry Cummings but Ellison comfortably dealt with the resulting free-kick.**

**Congleton are a good team and are understandably full of confidence and they continued to press Burscough. Max Povey was having a busy afternoon, making a good save from former Skelmersdale striker Bevan Burey then another from Saul Henderson.**

**Grateful**

**By half-time Congleton had had more of the possession but Burscough had weathered the pressure well and had earned their interval brew.**

**Burscough were grateful for the assistant's flag on 54 minutes when Morris netted at the far post from a free-kick, but it was disallowed for offside.**

**Gradually though the Linnets were getting on top and home goalkeeper Ellison was having to show why he was voted the league's top keeper recently as Burscough went close.**

**Congleton counter-attacked though after one move and Povey made a top-class finger-tip save to thwart Hasler-Cregg.**

**It remained end-to-end until the final whistle, Povey making another good save, this time from the experienced Steve Foster, while Burscough always looked dangerous.**

**The draw was a fair result and the points could have gone either way right until the last moments.**

**Another good performance against a top team by the Linnets who are proving that their good run is no fluke.**

**It's just a pity that they had a poor start to the season otherwise who knows what could be on the agenda for the rest of the season.**

**Congleton Town: Ellison, Stephens, Peters, Morris, Ryder, Griffith, Hasler-Cregg (Foster 83), Warburton (Speed 74), Cope, Henderson, Burey. Subs (not used): Disney, Williams, Groom.**

**Burscough: Povey, Grier, Doherty, Gibson, White, Ekpolo Cummings, Nkusu-Wasaulua, Whyte, Finlayson, Lorde. Subs: Parkes, Henerty, Dukes, Eumessi.**
**Referee: A. Bell.**

# Donnelly's blast from the past brings home a well-earned point

Newcastle Town 1
Skelmersdale United 1

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

**GEORGE Donnelly is a legend among Skelmersdale United supporters, scoring 48 goals in his first 44 appearances for the club before a moving on to play for clubs such as Plymouth Argyle, Luton Town, Rochdale, Macclesfield and Tranmere Rovers.**

Still only 30 years old, he returned for Skelmersdale on Saturday and rescued a valuable point with a high-pressure penalty in the fifth minute of added time in Staffordshire.

Skelmersdale manager Paul McNally made five changes to a team that had conceded far too many goals in recent weeks and they showed a lot more resilience.

A poor first half saw them fortunate to only go in at the interval 1-0 down. That was crucial to the outcome of the game, because they dominated the second half and achieved a fully-warranted draw, and maybe given better finishing might just have won.

The hosts should have taken the lead in the 12th minute when after a nice build-up on the left number nine Chris Smith managed to head over the Skelmersdale crossbar from close range.

Six minutes later Newcastle did take the lead. After a ball from Connor Heath, Chris Smith's shot would probably have been saved by Skem goalkeeper Terry Smith, but Josh Glover controlled the ball turned and put it past the Skelmersdale captain from about four yards.

Soon after the goal the enterprising Davy Moore was fouled just outside the Newcastle area but on a tight angle to goal, the free-kick however was headed clear.

At times Skem did ride their luck, Glover putting one over the bar and going as near as possible when, put through on goal, he slipped the ball under the advancing Terry Smith only to see it hit one post and roll along the line before hitting the other and being cleared by Marvin Molyneux!

Paul McNally reorganised things during the interval and it made the world of difference to his team. Skelmersdale were a far better and more competitive outfit after the restart.

A few minutes in Moore did well down the right and his cross into the heart of the six-yard box was headed clear to Tom Molyneux, whose low shot from 15 yards beat home goalkeeper Matt Johnson and unluckily thumped the foot of the post before bouncing to safety.

The pressure continued and Ben Jago blasted one high and wide that he might have done better with.

Newcastle were still a threat on the breakaway and Terry Smith parried away a cross from Kyle Stubbs that was kicked clear by Skem.

Connor Belger put one over the bar at the near post then Moore brought a diving save out of Johnson.

Newcastle were now struggling to clear their lines and in the 67th minute Skelmersdale got a great chance, Kieron Brislin's hanging cross to the far post saw Moore going for the ball with keeper Johnson. The collision put Moore down and referee Simon Brown pointed to the penalty spot.

Michael White put his spot kick to Johnson's left but the keeper clawed it away to save Newcastle again.

By now Skelmersdale might have wondered whether it just wasn't going to be their day, but they fought on as the game entered its closing stages, although Terry Smith kept them in it with a superb tip over the bar from a long throw-in move.

Skem's George Donnelly scores the equaliser. Photo by John Driscoll.

In added time a series of long throws saw Newcastle at almost panic stations at the back and from one Joel Douglas was charged to the ground and a second penalty was given as the clock read 95 minutes.

Donnelly stood ready to take it and keeper Johnson did all he could to put him off. Donnelly though placed the ball just inside Johnson's right hand post to equalise.

Seconds later the final whistle brought Skelmersdale their first point of the year and it was one that was well deserved too.

In his post match interview for the Skelmersdale United website manager Paul McNally said; "As the game wore on I thought we were deserving of a point and possibly three.

"I brought five new lads in and in the first half we were miles off the pace, they were a lot better.

After the break for the second half we changed formations and systems around and we have more than matched them."

When asked why he had fetched in the older players Paul said it was their leadership that attracted him adding: "Plus they have that little bit of quality, they grew into the game as it went on."

He went on to praise George Donnelly for taking responsibility at the end saying: "He put that penalty away fantastic."

**Newcastle Town:** Johnson, Bradbury, Stubbs, Scott, Lowe ©, Dennis, Heath, Van Der Laan, Smith C., Ward, Glover. Subs: Attrell, Antione, Fraser, Forbes, Shaw

**Skelmersdale United:** Smith T., Brislin, Coughlan, White, Keatley, Molyneux T. (Douglas, 76), Jago (Griffiths, 68), Molyneux M., Donnelly, Belger (Mukendi, 76), Moore. Subs (not used): Giverin, Grimshaw

**Referee:** Simon Brown.


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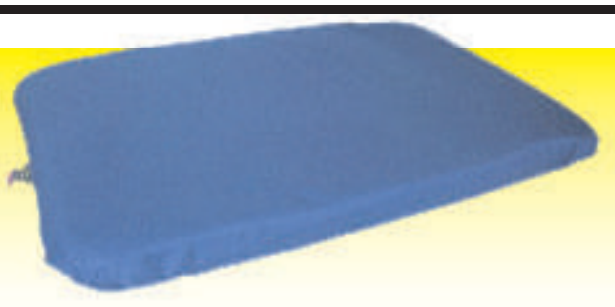

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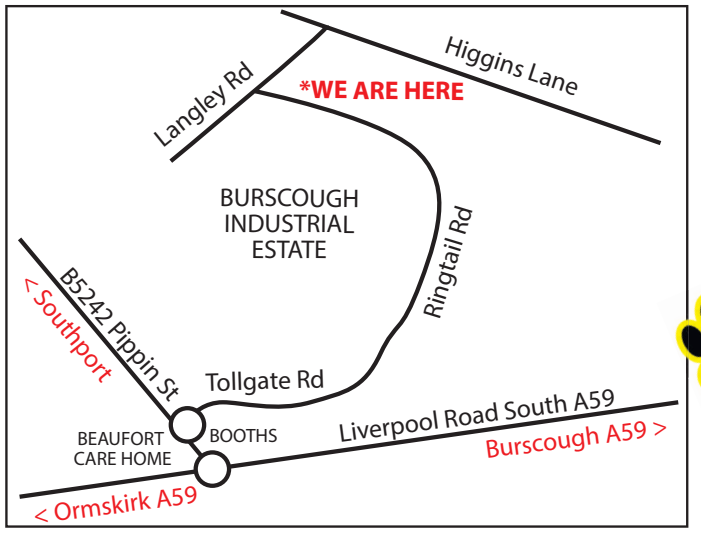


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